

EVANS/HANSEN/WELDON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1962, the Ella Evans Good Neighbor Fund was established by the Kentucky Federation of Homemakers (now KEHA) at the request of Mrs. Carl Evans, the President at that time. In 1974, the state board voted at their mid-year meeting to honor Mrs. Evans by including her name in the fund's title. In 1999, restricted funds were set aside to perpetuate this scholarship fund. The amount available for the scholarship would be the total of the interest on the restricted fund plus the contributions made that year by the KEHA members.

The Viola K. Hansen Scholarship Fund was established by the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association in 1969 in appreciation for Dr. Hansen's leadership of the Extension Home Economics program in Kentucky from 1956 until 1965 when an unfortunate accident resulted in her early retirement. The income for this fund was provided through donations from Homemaker members.

In 1942, the Myrtle Weldon Student Loan Fund was established in appreciation of Miss Weldon. The fund provided low interest loans to deserving Home Economics students. In 1972, the Myrtle Weldon Memorial Scholarship was first presented to a home economics student at the University of Kentucky. In 1975, KEHA voted to discontinue the Myrtle Weldon Student Loan Fund and transferred the balance to the Myrtle Weldon Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund is sustained through donations made by KEHA members. A scholarship was given annually to deserving student(s) in the University of Kentucky College of Human Environmental Sciences, based on the income from this fund. (Note: the College of Human Environmental Sciences has now become the School of Human Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky.)

In 2004, funds were no longer available to award three single scholarships under the above established funds. It became necessary for KEHA to recommend combining the three scholarship funds into one scholarship. The decline in interest rates, organization membership and donations necessitated this action.

Rules and regulations governing the *Evans/Hansen/Weldon Scholarship Fund*:

- ◆ The scholarship may be used for full-time students selected to attend any college or accredited higher education undergraduate program in Kentucky (i.e. university, college, trade or technical school). The individual can be a graduating high school senior or a student currently enrolled in a higher education program.
- ◆ Scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of good character, **the intention of completing a degree in a Family and Consumer Sciences discipline (Dietetics, Human Nutrition, Family Sciences, Interior Design, Retailing and Tourism Management, Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles or Family and Consumer Sciences Education)**, and previous academic record.

- ◆ Scholarship is renewable. Second year student applicants are not required to complete the initial application but must supply an official copy of their transcript and a one-page letter describing what higher education has meant to them during the last year.
- ◆ All Kentucky Homemakers members are encouraged to make the *Evans/Hansen/Weldon Scholarship Fund* an important part of their yearly giving activity.
- ◆ Scholarship application form is three pages and follows this description.
- ◆ Applications are due by March 1st to the Karen Yerkey, KEHA Leadership Development Chairman, 6992 Hwy 1740, Hardinsburg, KY 40143-6182.
- ◆ The complete application packet should include:
 - Application Form (KEHA Handbook 96-98) [Should be typed]
 - Transcript (Official) of most current coursework and grades
 - If the transcript does not include a current GPA, please include the GPA page to be filled out by counselor or faculty advisor, signed and dated (KEHA Handbook 98)
 - Two (2) letters of reference from a person who can comment on the applicant but is not related to the applicant

Scholarships will be judged according to the following criteria:

Community Service & Activities	25 points
Financial Need	30 points
Leadership	10 points
Scholastic Achievement	25 points
Overall Impression	10 points

NO CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT IS RECEIVED FROM THE COLLEGE OR SCHOOL.