

# Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarship

## The life of Merlyn Anderson

Merlyn (Mrs. Charles A. Anderson) was a world traveler, a librarian, an engaging conversationalist, an active and caring community person, a devoted wife and a beloved friend of those who knew her throughout the world. Merlyn was born in Dixon, Illinois in 1897 and moved to Beatrice to become City Librarian in 1918. Merlyn's husband, Dr. Charles A. Anderson, was a Beatrice dentist prior to World War II. During the war he served his country and achieved the rank of Colonel. Colonel Anderson was a Military Governor in Korea following its liberation from the Japanese.

That is where 4-H fits into this story. Colonel Anderson carried the 4-H idea to Korea as a way for young people and families to grow and learn new ideas in agriculture and positive self-concept. The Korean Conflict put a sudden stop into his first efforts to get 4-H started in Korea. As part of the reparation team in Korea following the war his efforts were successful. A Farm Journal article heralded him "Grandfather to 1/2 Million Kids" which was the 4-H membership when he left Korea in the late 50's. Thanks to those beginnings, South Korea has the largest 4-H program outside the United States. Merlyn was a partner to these efforts both in Korea and stateside. She made three around-the-world trips to such exotic places as Cairo, Kabul, Singapore, Tahiti, Sydney, and the Galapagos Islands and many of the trips were traveling alone, when such travel by a woman alone was rare. Merlyn had a treasure, a story and friends at nearly every place she visited.

Merlyn has established a trust through her will to support students from the Gage and Jefferson area who are interested in Agricultural Studies (broadly interpreted). Preference is to be given to students who have been involved in 4-H.

## Scholarship Application

Applicant needs to submit: Application form, life experiences (2 pages maximum, 11 point type or larger), typed essay of not more than two pages (double-spaced), and one letter of recommendation from a person of your choice. The essay should deal with your personal and academic goals.

The Merlyn Anderson 4-H Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to 6-9 students and range in value from \$750 to \$2000. The scholarships are available to all colleges, universities, technical schools, community colleges or trade schools for students in agricultural studies. The scholarship funds will be paid to the school and can be used for all school related expenses including tuition, room and board, fees, and books.

These scholarships are open to applications from the following (Nebraska) area schools:

Lewiston High School	Wilber-Clatonia High School
Norris High School	Beatrice High School
Freeman High School	Diller/Odell High School
Wymore High School	Meridian High School
Tri-County High School	Home Schoolers in
Fairbury High School	Gage & Jefferson Counties

**Application Deadline: March 15.** Application should be sent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Gage County, 1115 West Scott, Beatrice, NE 68310. You may direct questions to Paul Hay, Extension Educator at (402) 223-1384 in Beatrice.

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Name:

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Parent's Name:

Intended College/University/Trade School:

Intended Major:

High School

High School GPA:

Number of Years in 4-H:

- 1) Life experiences: attach 2 pages (maximum, 11 point type or larger) answering the following:
  - a) Favorite 4-H Projects
  - b) High School Classes You Enjoyed The Most
  - c) High School Activities You Enjoyed The Most
  - d) Community or Other Activities You Have Participated In
  - e) Jobs You Have Held:(list most current first)
  - f) Express in a few words your need for scholarship help
  
- 2) Typed essay of not more than two pages (double-spaced). The essay should deal with your personal and academic goals.
  
- 3) One letter of recommendation from a person of your choice.

I promise to use any funds received to further my education. I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this application, sign and date, return along with essay and recommendation letter to Paul C. Hay, UNL Extension Educator, 1115 West Scott St., Beatrice, NE 68310.

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