

THE PATTI LEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM

This scholarship program is created as a perpetual memorial to Patti Leach, who served as a Physical Education teacher in Lansing School District 158 from 1968 to 2005. In addition to a distinguished teaching career, Miss Leach was a 21-year member of the Lan-Oak Park District Board of Commissioners, served as a Village of Lansing Trustee for eight years, and as a Lansing School District 158 board member for one year. She was the first female member of the Lansing Lions and was also a member of the Kiwanis Club. Miss Leach passed away August 29, 2010.

PURPOSE

To promote and encourage athleticism among young adults of Lansing School District 158 by awarding an annual scholarship to a senior student who plans to pursue a career in education, sports, parks recreation or government at an institute of higher learning.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of Lansing, Illinois and must have attended a public school in **Lansing School District 158** from kindergarten through eighth grade. In addition, applicant must have attended TF South High School in Thornton Fractional High School District 215 for four years. A student may receive only one of these scholarships in his/her lifetime.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The award is financed by interest earned in The Patti Leach Memorial Scholarship Fund, PTA Donations, memorials and other donations. The fund is administered by the Activities Office of Thornton Fractional South High School, 18500 Burnham Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. An annual report of receipts, expenditures, interest earned, etc. shall be made available for inspection.

The amount of the award is to be determined on an annual basis and may be used for expenses related to enrollment in an institute of higher learning. **Disbursements will be made upon receipt of a current enrollment verification certificate and the first grading period transcript indicating that applicant is in good standing.**

Annually, one scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded, based on availability of funds each year.

At least once a year, via the local newspaper or during a fund-raising event, committee officials shall encourage donations, memorials, etc. to the fund. As funds increase, more scholarships may be awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of four members: the current Principal of TF South High School, Chris Mahoney, former Administrative Assistant to the Principal of TF South High School, Sally Reynolds, the K-5 physical education teacher in Lansing School District 158, and Veronda Cottle, retired Superintendent of Lansing School District 158. In the event any of the above positions cease to exist or

no other members are able to be located, the appointment of vacancies to the committee shall be filled as a joint venture of the remaining participants.

METHOD OF SELECTION

Selection shall be determined by the committee and the decision of this committee will be final.

The committee will give consideration to financial need, interest and/or involvement in the areas of education, sports, parks recreation, government, effort and citizenship.

GENERAL

1. Application forms will be available to senior students in the guidance and main offices of TF South High School beginning in February of each school year. Students and parents will be notified via the school website, QuickNotes, daily announcements, the Village of Lansing, the marquees at the Patti Leach Youth Center and TF South High School, and the Lansing Journal. All applications must be returned to the main office at TF South High School, 18500 Burnham Avenue, Lansing, Illinois on the required date indicated on the application.

The awards presentation will be made at the annual Honors Assembly held at TF South High School each year.

2. If additional information is needed, please contact Nicole Moore at TF South High School at 708-585-2007.

