

## **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 on 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, applicants must have attended T.F. 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 on 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, retired Administrative Assistant to the Principal of TF South High School, Sally Reynolds, retired Lansing School District 158 K-5 physical education teacher, 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 T.F. South High School beginning the first week of February each school year. Students and parents will be notified via the school website, QuickNotes, daily announcements, the marquees at the Patti Leach Youth Center and T.F. South High School, the Village of Lansing, and the Lansing Journal.

All applications must be returned to the main office at T.F. 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 T.F. South High School each year.

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

## THE PATTI LEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Please fill out the application carefully and completely. Application **must be typed**. The information given in this application will be kept strictly confidential and used ONLY to help the Scholarship Committee make their decision.

I hereby apply for The Patti Leach Memorial Scholarship and submit the following information:

Name of applicant:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

List the **Lansing School District 158** schools you have attended, including years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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List other activities, clubs, etc. in which you have been involved both in school and out of school:

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Keeping in mind the spirit of Miss Leach, tell us why you think she would select you as a scholarship recipient (please use reverse side if necessary):

I attest to the validity of the statements made in this application and agree to abide by the decision of the committee.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE AT T.F. SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BY **February 20th.****