



THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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The Scott County, Iowa, Democratic Party is excited to announce the availability of the annual Kirschbaum-Fitzsimmons Scott County Democrats Scholarship. This scholarship honors the lives of two of the county's best known and best loved elected officials.

Kathy Kirschbaum and Karen Fitzsimmons were extraordinary women whose hard work, perseverance, dedication to fairness, and progressive actions inspired others. Kathy served as the first female mayor of Davenport and Karen as the first female auditor of the county.

In that light, the Democrats of Scott County, Iowa, have chosen to honor Kathy and Karen by offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating male or female senior from a Scott County high school. This student must be accepted for initial enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational program in the United States for the academic year 2018-2019. Eligible programs include 4-year colleges, community colleges, vocational, technical and trade schools, and union apprenticeships.

Please take time to look at the criteria and forward the application materials to any interested senior. Please feel free to post the scholarship material on your school's intranet. The application packet must be submitted to the scholarship committee by U.S. mail. The submission postmark deadline is May 1, 2018.

Questions regarding the scholarship requirements and process can be directed to Dr. Henry Brockington at brockington1129@att.net.

We look forward to hearing from someone you know.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thom Hart

Chairperson, Scott County, Iowa, Democratic Party
Scott County, Iowa

Kirschbaum-Fitzsimmons Scott County Democrats Scholarship

PURPOSE

The Democratic Party of Scott County, Iowa, is announcing its annual scholarship in honor of the lives, work, and memory of the late **KATHY KIRSCHBAUM** and **KAREN FITZSIMMONS**. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage participation in community politics.

KATHY KIRSCHBAUM became the first female alderman of Davenport in 1967 and later became the first elected female mayor of Davenport serving as mayor from 1972 to 1976. She also served as a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention and was an early champion of the city's bike paths.

KAREN FITZSIMMONS was the first female county auditor in Scott County, Iowa. She served honorably as Scott County auditor from 1976 to 2008, bringing professionalism and prestige to the office. She won her first election at the age of 27 and won re-election seven times. Fitzsimmons was very civic-minded. She was active with the Scott County Democratic Party and in the presidential campaigns of Howard Dean, Al Gore, Barack Obama, and other Democratic hopefuls.

ELIGIBILITY

The \$500.00 Kirschbaum-Fitzsimmons Scott County Democrats Scholarship will be awarded to one Scott County graduating male or female high school senior who meets the following criteria:

- A. Presents evidence of acceptance to and eventual enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational program in the United States. Eligible programs include: 4-year colleges, community colleges, vocational/technical/trade schools, and union apprenticeships.
- B. Graduates during the 2017-2018 academic year from a high school in Scott County with at least a 2.75 (out of 4.00) high school grade point average, and has not been enrolled as a full time college student prior to applying for this scholarship.
- C. Presents two letters of recommendation (described in How To Apply section).
- D. Agrees to report back to the Scott County Democratic Party Central Committee via written communication or in person regarding his/her progress in the post-secondary educational program.
- E. Completes and submits the scholarship application form and supporting documents by the application date (see Timeline section).
- F. Obtains permission of a parent/legal guardian to participate in the scholarship competition and to reveal the winner's name in a press release.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Direct any questions about the scholarship and application process to Dr. Henry Brockington at brockington1129@att.net.

**Kirschbaum-Fitzsimmons
Scott County Democrats Scholarship**

HOW TO APPLY

Complete and return the attached **application form** and the required documents.

[PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Applications that do not include the required documentation will be disqualified.]

1. High school transcript.
2. One letter of recommendation from someone, other than a family member, that confirms your involvement in Democratic Party activities.
3. A letter of recommendation from either a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or principal.
4. A typewritten essay of 200 words or less that describes your volunteer, extra-curricular and Democratic Party activities and why these activities are important to you. Democratic Party activities include, but are not limited to: 1) working for Democratic candidates, 2) volunteering at Democratic political events, 3) advocating for issues supported by the Democratic Party, and 4) participating in organizations, meetings, trainings, caucuses, conventions and other activities sponsored by the Democratic Party.
5. Submission of the completed application via **U.S. mail** by the due date.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS

The Scholarship committee will review all application materials submitted for the scholarship. The top contenders may be asked to appear before the Scholarship Committee.

The Scott County Democratic Central Committee will award a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) scholarship to the selected applicant during the spring of 2018. The scholarship funds may be used for any and all post-secondary school-related expenses during the 2018 academic year.

TIMELINE

The deadline for postmarking the application is **May 1, 2018**.

The scholarship winner will be notified by at least **May 7, 2018** and presentation of the scholarship award will follow.

POSTMARK by May 1, 2018 the application form and all documentation to scholarship chair:

Dr. Henry Brockington
1411 Medina Drive
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Kirschbaum-Fitzsimmons
Scott County Democrats Scholarship

APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT

(LAST name) (FIRST name) (M. I.)

MAILING ADDRESS

(Number and street or P.O. Box)

(city) (state) (zip code)

PHONE NUMBER Area Code _____ Number _____
(Phone number where we can reach parent/guardian)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

(Student or parent's e-mail address)

HIGH SCHOOL

(School name)

(High school location - city, state, zip code)

High School GRADUATION DATE _____

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL/COLLEGE

(name of college or program student plans to attend after high school)

(location of college/program - city and state)

What do you PLAN TO STUDY there? _____

Date when CLASSES START there: _____

CONSENT (Signer agrees to student's participation in scholarship competition and use of winner's name in press release)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Date)