Evelyn Herzberg Educational Scholarship

Evelyn Sunderman Herzberg was born and raised in the Immanuel Lutheran territory northwest of rural Clarinda on a farm on February 2, 1929. Evelyn's parents were Wilbert and Emma Bredehorst Sunderman. Evelyn was brought up in a Christian home by loving parents. She graduated from the Clarinda High School in 1947 and over time took various college courses at Iowa Western that pertained to her work. Evelyn was married to the late Willis (Bill) Herzberg in 1954.

Evelyn worked as the office secretary for the Clarinda Chamber for 4 years and remembers that she loved it. In 1951 she began employment with the Page County State Bank as a bookkeeper and secretary. Throughout her years with the bank she worked in various positions until she retired as Assistant Vice-President in 1985. Evelyn credits her work ethic to growing up as a farm girl where each member of her family was taught to do their job and do it well. Those that know Evelyn would describe her as a people person as Evelyn truly enjoys the interactions she has with people. In addition, Evelyn has opened her home up to many A's players over a 20+ year span and has never regretted it. She also annually hosts regular attendees of the Glenn Miller Festival.

Evelyn has established the Evelyn Herzberg Educational Scholarship Fund at the Clarinda Foundation with the first scholarship to be awarded in May 2017 with the intent to award a $1,000 scholarship each year for at least seven years. When asked why she chose to do this Evelyn stated "It is my pleasure to give back to the community that I am so proud of. It was a blessing to attend the Immanuel Lutheran School from kindergarten through 8th grade. Then I took the big step moving on to the Clarinda High School where I was accepted so graciously.

The growing up memories will last forever. Since I am a graduate of the Clarinda High school it seemed only fitting to give back. College prices seem to have sky rocketed and any little boost I can give to a student wanting to further their education seems like the proper thing to do. There is a demand for young people to go to a trade school as we need carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, etc. Those who prefer a University where they can choose so many various occupations is also very important. With what little extra funds I have to share, it makes me feel so good that I can repay my hometown folks in a small way. The work ethic that was instilled in me since I was small and has stayed with me to an older age is such a blessing, hence giving back comes only natural. May this scholarship be a blessing to an appreciative student."

The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:

1. The scholarship must be used to help pay the cost of any vocational school, college or university.

2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant to a vocational school, college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment after receipt of proof of enrollment.

3. To qualify for a scholarship the applicant must be a graduating senior of Clarinda Community High School and shall have a cumulative GPA no less than 3.0.

4. The selection committee shall consist of four individuals: 1) one named by the Clarinda Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the committee), 2) the Clarinda Community High School Principal, 3) Clarinda Community High School Guidance Counselor and 4) Evelyn Herzberg or one or more of her family representatives.

5. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.

6. In the event the selected recipient of the scholarship does not follow through with his/her enrollment in college/university/trade school, the selection committee reserves the right to re-award the scholarship to the committee's second place candidate.

7. To qualify, the applicant shall submit a Clarinda Foundation "Scholarship Application Form" including required essays and letters of recommendation, as a computer-generated or typed application.

8. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin or physical handicap.