

CAROL MOOTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Though she never married, Carol Moote had a sincere interest in young people, as evidenced by her bequest that after her death, a scholarship program be established for deserving Lake City graduates. Carol passed away in 1992, and the first Carol Moote Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 1993.

Carol attended Western Michigan University after her 1936 graduation from Lake City Area Schools. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree, Carol taught for one year at Munising High School and decided that teaching was not for her. She worked a year for an Arizona newspaper before returning to Lake City to work in the hardware store that her parents had purchased as an investment in 1936.

Carol quickly took over the management of the Lake City Hardware, which had become an exciting and fulfilling vocation. Business flourished under her management, and Carol knew the whereabouts of every one of the over 15,000 items in the store, from a single nut or bolt to ropes, window screens, paints and stains. The well-stocked game area contained numerous children's board games. Fiesta ware, the popular line of dishware was even sold. Music was an important part of Carol's life. After playing the trumpet during her high school years, her musical talents were shared at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake City as an adult. Not only did she direct the adult choir, but she also sang solos in a beautiful alto voice. Always active, Carol enjoyed traveling both in the United States and abroad. Her enjoyment of bowling was legendary. Carol loved her "small town" life and lovingly embraced the community served by her family's Hardware store for so many years.

Young adults gravitated to Carol and the Lake City Hardware was a favorite "going to" location. Carol shared her travel experiences, stock market knowledge, her interests and personal values. She gave them knowledge of the big world, encouragement and a vision of what was available to them after graduation.

CAROL MOOTE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

General Information

- The annual scholarship amount is typically a minimum of \$500, depending on investment returns and the fluctuating economy.
- The Cadillac Area Foundation oversees the management of the financial investment to ensure ongoing funds are available each year. The Lake City Education Foundation (LCEF) Committee reviews all applications and selects recipients for each LC scholarship.
- Applicants must be Lake City High School Seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary program in a university, college or trade school.
- Applicants must complete and submit the application according to the guidelines provided on the next page.
Deadline for submission is March 1.
- The Carol Moote Scholarship is payable upon completion of the first semester of post-secondary education with proof (college or trade school transcript) of passing grades.
- Complete the following identification data and submit this page with your essay:

APPLICANT NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

CAROL MOOTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Carol Moote excelled in a profession that was not typical for women at the time, making her a remarkable and progressive woman, especially in a very small town. She enjoyed an active, full, and productive life which she was able to attain because of her drive and joy in helping others. This scholarship is intended to be her gift to Lake City graduates to help them experience the same opportunities she enjoyed.

The format for this application is an essay that will address areas such as growing up in a small town, your academic areas of interest, and personal experiences or situations that have most impacted you. Think about how you see your life up to this point in time, changing as a result of higher education.

Your application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Format:**
 - Typed, double spaced in a 12 point font.
 - Margins should be 1"
 - Length of the essay should be a minimum of two pages, not to exceed four pages.
 - Readability: Minimal (preferably none) spelling, grammatical or sentence structure errors. Please proof read and spell / grammar check your essay before submission.
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- **Content:** Please address the following questions *as they pertain to you*.
 - Growing up in a small Town
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of growing up in a small town?
 - How have these advantages and disadvantages limited or encouraged your opportunities for service, leadership, extracurricular activities, and developed your work ethic and character?
 - Choosing an area of study and making a career plan
 - What area of study has interested you the most in your current education?
 - How has this area of study and/or other variables influenced your choice of potential careers?
 - How have you approached the choice of which college or trade school to attend after graduation?
 - Personal experiences & their impact
 - What personal experience or situation has been a positive influence on you? Please explain how it impacted you in such a positive way.
 - What personal experience or situation has been a challenging influence on you? Please explain how this challenge ultimately impacted the person you are today?
 - Financial Need
 - Please explain if you have a financial need and if so, why this is important to support your educational goals
 - Explain why you need this money. How will it help you?
- **Communication of ideas:** It is important to convey your thoughts and ideas in a clear and articulate manner. For example it is easy to just list accomplishments, but try to expand your thoughts to reflect some level of analysis of the examples you provide. It is important to reflect about how you have grown as a person and where you see yourself in the future.

The application deadline is March 1.

Please submit your application, including these 2 pages and your essay to the Lake City High School Counselor. For further information or questions regarding the Scholarship program or application process, please contact your High School Counselor.

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