

HENRY L. AHLGREN HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE



SPONSORED BY MADISON WEST KIWANIS FOUNDATION

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Madison, WI 53717

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Henry L. Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship is established in memory of the founder and first president of the Madison West Kiwanis Club. When asked why busy people in the community should be members of a service club, Ahlgren replied, *"It is from programs aimed at helping people that we derive our greatest and most lasting and most rewarding satisfactions. It is from these programs that we re-discover again and again and again that 'when you give to the world the best you have, then the best will come back to you.'"*

Dr. Ahlgren lived a long life of dedicated service to his community. He continued to give his best to the world through Kiwanis projects and activities until he died in 2004 at the age of 94. He regularly attended the weekly meetings of West Kiwanis until shortly before his death.

The Madison West Kiwanis Foundation is dedicated to assist the Madison West Kiwanis Club in serving the children of the world. The Objects of Kiwanis International are:

- to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life,
- to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships,
- to promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards,
- to develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship,
- to provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities, and
- to cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism, which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

A \$2,000 Henry L. Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship will be awarded to the Madison area student who best exemplifies the characteristics described above. The first Ahlgren scholarship will be awarded in 2007

Candidates for the Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship should have made significant contributions to their school community as well as to their neighborhood and city communities. They should be good students with strong leadership records. They should have a record of participation in extracurricular activities and be good citizens of their school and their community.

Contributions to the scholarship may be made to the Madison West Kiwanis Foundation, c/o Virgil Jurrens, Treasurer, 301 Walnut Grove Drive, Madison, WI 53717. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Henry L. Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship must be high school seniors currently enrolled at Madison West, Madison East, Madison Memorial, LaFollette, McFarland, or Edgewood High School who plan to attend a college or university in Wisconsin. There are no requirements regarding course of study. The scholarship check will be transferred in-the student's name from the West Kiwanis Foundation to the bursar of the Wisconsin college or university designated by the student.

Candidates must complete the attached application form and provide at least one (but not more than two) letter of reference from a faculty member who is able to evaluate the candidate's qualifications. Selection of the award recipient will be based on the following criteria:

- (1) Community service (30 points)
- (2) Scholarship (15 points)
- (3) Extracurricular activities (15 points)
- (4) Leadership (10 points)
- (5) Communications skills (10 points)
- (6) Essay on the importance of community service (20 points)

Award applications will be distributed to high school guidance counselors, Key club advisors, and others in order to identify qualified candidates.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS AND ADVISORS

1. Applications will be distributed to high school guidance counselors, Key club advisors, and others no later than December 1 of the year preceding the selection and awarding of the scholarship.
2. Counselors and advisors will receive copies of the application form with a cover letter recommending they distribute the form to students with exceptional records of service to their school and area communities.
3. Completed applications and the recommendation form must be returned to the Madison West Kiwanis Foundation no later than February 1 of the year in which the scholarship will be awarded. Please return all materials by mail to:

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4. Applications will be reviewed and a winner selected by an anonymous committee of members of the Madison West Kiwanis Club and the West Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors. Announcement of the award recipient will be made no later than March 1st of the year the scholarship will be awarded.
5. PREFERENCE will be given to applications that are **printed** or **typed**. Preference will also be given to applications that are completed in the space provided. DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES.
5. The recipient of the Henry L. Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship will receive a permanent plaque that will be presented at a regular meeting of the Madison West Kiwanis Club. The recipient, parents and school counselor or advisor will be guests of the club at this award luncheon.
6. The scholarship award will be transferred to the Wisconsin college or university in the student's name upon receipt of verification of acceptance and enrollment in the school.