

Linda Holman Memorial Scholarship



Linda was a graduate of Bath Local Schools and earned her bachelor's degree from Bluffton University and a master's degree from Toledo University. She taught at Sylvania Local Schools, Wethersfield (England) and Wiesbaden (Germany) AFB, and then a 28-year teaching career at Gomer and Elida Elementary Schools. A devoted and patient teacher, she saw the potential in all her students and their limitless possibilities. Never a harsh word, she was instrumental in teaching her students and family to be open-minded, see the positive in life, and believe in themselves.

Linda was a passionate musician of piano, flute, piccolo, organ, and voice, who perfected her craft not through raw talent but through hard work and the desire to share her love of music with others. She was a member of St. Paul's UMC Church in Elida where for over 30 years, she

sang in the choir and served as organist, a skill she cultivated later in life. She also was a member of the Lima Concert Band and Flute Choir, the Hallelujah Saints Band, Lima Symphony Chorus, and the American Guild of Organists.

Giving to others without expecting reward, Linda was a devoted member of the Elida community, volunteering numerous hours at the election polls, organizing Senior Day Out luncheons, and serving as a volunteer at the Covid clinic, the American Association of University Women Book Fair, and for the Elida Schools' Quiz Bowl team as a question reader. Her compassionate service to others extended past the local community through her participation as a National Institute of Health and Sarcoma Cancer Research study volunteer and through her organization of Relay for Life walks.

Full of adventure, Linda was an avid traveler and along with her husband, visited all 50 states, 61 countries and 6 continents. She was passionate about experiencing new cultures and places.

The Linda Holman Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000, non-renewable scholarship available to one graduating member of this year's senior class. The family reserves the right to split this scholarship into two, if deemed necessary. Applicants must:

- 1. Attend a college, university, or trade school in the summer or fall immediately following high school graduation.**
- 2. Be a well-rounded individual showing the ability to balance academics and activities by having participated in extra-curricular activities (music, performing arts, clubs, athletics and/or volunteer activities).**
- 3. Complete a 300-500 word essay on the following:**

Linda believed that music had the power to connect people, hard work was the key to personal growth, and the pursuit of knowledge and adventure was a lifelong journey. Whether through traveling to new places, learning a new instrument, or seeking out new challenges, Linda inspired others to step outside their comfort zones and embrace life with determination and resilience. She also understood that education is the key to unlocking opportunities and expanding one's worldview.

Prompt: Share a story about a time when you embraced hard work, or learning something new, regardless of obstacles and adversity. How did this experience impact your personal growth, and how do you plan to continue this mindset as you pursue your academic and career goals? How did this experience influence you to make a positive impact on your community or the world?

We're looking for applicants who demonstrate the values of persistence, curiosity, and the belief that growth comes through the journey, not just the destination.

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(Due to the guidance office, APRIL 1st)

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale: _____

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

Special Academic Honors/Awards: _____

Extra-curricular activities participated in:

Activity	_____	Years Active:	9	10	11	12
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Where will you be attending college next year? _____

What is your intended major? _____

Have you already been accepted? YES NO

Scholarship money must be refunded if the recipient does not attend college*