

GFWC ILLINOIS
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



2011-2012

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ARTHUR GRANT SMITH DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Arthur Grant Smith (1905-1994) was born in Belvidere, Illinois and moved to the Joliet area as a child. After graduation from high school, he attended Northwestern University School of Business. Mr. Smith was then employed at the Chicago Office of Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. Smith, a talented investor, used the profits from his investments for charitable and educational purposes including bequests to colleges. A philanthropist, Mr. Smith provided funds for the education of many young students desiring to further their education.

His wife, Vera, a retired teacher and college counselor, shared her husband's dedication to education. She endowed the Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship as a memorial to her late husband. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to the outstanding contributions made during his lifetime to earnest students and to institutions of higher learning.

Vera Smith, a Past President of the Woman's Club of Joliet, is gratified to know that many students in generations to come will benefit from the endowment of the Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship. Established - 1994

GFWC ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL LIBRARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

At the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, September 30, 1994, it was voted to establish the GFWC Illinois Centennial Library Science Scholarship by free will donation beginning at the Centennial celebration on October 12, 1994 and closing at the May 1995 Convention. At the November 16, 1995 Board of Directors meeting the monies collected were augmented by unanimous vote to \$2,500.

HAMILTON RIDGE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Hamilton Ridge Music Scholarship Fund was established by GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs in the summer of 1983 following the disbanding of the Hamilton Ridge Woman's Club which had long been interested in and had been giving scholarships in the Arts. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to help provide further training in music to someone needing additional financial help.

ILLINOIS COTTAGE PARK RIDGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Illinois Cottage Park Ridge Scholarship Fund was established by GFWC Illinois in 1982 to provide further education for girls interested in vocational training. It is limited to those taking courses in the vocational fields.

LINCOLN LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Lincoln Lodge Scholarship Fund was established by GFWC Illinois in 1970 to provide further education for boys interested in vocational training. It is limited to those taking courses in the vocational fields.

LORADO TAFT ART SCHOLARSHIP

The GFWC Illinois Lorado Taft Scholarship is offered each year to high school seniors enrolled as Art Majors in an Illinois college. The amount and number of scholarships awarded is determined yearly.

Lorado Taft (1860-1937) was one of America's most popular sculptors. An artist and renowned instructor his clear and interesting way of presenting his subject made him one of the most sought after speakers of his day.

Lorado Taft was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. After graduating from the University of Illinois, he studied art for three years at Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris then returned to Chicago and opened a studio. In 1886 he became an instructor at the Art Institute of Chicago; teaching later at the Universities of Illinois and Chicago.

His most famous works include "The Spirit of the Great Lakes", Art Institute Chicago; "Black Hawk, Oregon, Illinois; the Washington Monument, Seattle, Washington; "Thacker Memorial Fountain", Denver, Colorado; "Pioneers", Elmwood, Illinois; and "Alma Mater" given to the University of Illinois.

Mr. Taft was an honorary member of the Arche' Club of Chicago from 1922 until his death in 1937 at which time his wife became a member. Mr. Taft speaking at an Art Department Luncheon given by the Arche' Club provided the inspiration for the Second District project to restore a panel of the Fine Arts Building which had been constructed for the Colombian Exposition of 1893 and had fallen into disrepair. At the initial Arche' Luncheon \$1,000 was pledged. The Hyde Park Travel Club raised a second \$1,000 for the project. In 1922 all of the twenty-four Clubs of Second District become involved. The District project became an endorsed GFWC Illinois Federation project. The slogan was "A Dollar a Woman" and \$7,000 was raised. Mr. Taft and architects worked with the GFWC Illinois Chairman. Permission was obtained from the South Park Commissioners and the restoration was completed. This provided a tempting example of what could be accomplished with the entire building. On June 2, 1923 the State of Illinois floated a five million- dollar bond issue to complete restoration of the entire building. This building is the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Throughout his career, Mr. Taft was considered a friend of GFWC Illinois Federation. He participated in meetings, spoke at State Conventions and worked on numerous projects with The Federation. He was an honorary member of Second District.

The GFWC Illinois Lorado Taft Scholarship was created in 1930 in honor of the famed sculptor. In 1931 more than \$300 had been collected. This grew to \$3,000 and by 1937 had reached \$5,000. It remains intact, the interest providing advanced training of talented art students. The first scholarship was given to a young woman in sculpturing on the first anniversary of Mr. Taft's death in 1938.

Through the foresight of our founders, the Lorado Taft Scholarship continues today.

VINA A. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

The Vina A. Miller Scholarship is a memorial scholarship established in honor of Mrs. Lambert W. Miller, GFWC Illinois Federation President 1976-1978. Mrs. Miller served GFWC Illinois for fifteen years before assuming the office of President. She had served as Treasurer, Vice President of Northern Region and worked on fourteen various State committees. She was very active in her community of Glen Ellyn. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Service Association of Du Page County, member of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and held positions of leadership in her church, hospital auxiliary and in school work.

She attended Barnard College and worked in market research as a researcher, analyst and supervisor. She served as the acting executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

In her first printed message to the Illinois Clubwomen after being installed in May, 1976 as the President, she wrote, "The time for action is now. . .we must make the most of every hour in every day." Unfortunately, Mrs. Miller did not live to finish her Presidency of the Federation, but she did make the most of every hour before the first day of October 1977 when illness took her life.

Memorial services were held for Mrs. Miller during the 83rd Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois, May 1978. At that time it was stated, "Let each of us accept the loss of Vina with renewed dedication. Let her spirit live on in the work we do and in the cooperation we give to our fellow workers. These were her goals."

Since that time the Vina A. Miller Scholarship is given in alphabetical order to the scholarship programs within the seven departments of GFWC Illinois.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was first introduced by GFWC President Katie Ozbirn (Mrs. E. Lee) 1960-1962.. In cooperation with the Institute of International Education and under the aegis of the Organization of American States, "Dollars for Scholars" was begun with the intent that the funds collected would be donated to the Institute and utilized for the education of a Latin American Student. This student would be brought to the United States to study. During the 1962-1964 administration the program was renamed to the "International Scholarship Fund".

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs adopted their own program during the 1966-1968 administration called the "Latin American Student Exchange" in cooperation with the 'Experiment in International Living' through the Alliance of Progress and the Sao Paulo, Brazil Partners. This program was also called "People to People Program". Two high school students went first to Putney, Vermont, where the Experiment in International Living was headquartered, for their orientation that lasted two weeks. From there, the high school students referred to as "Ambassadors of International Living" went to Sao Paulo, Brazil for 52 - 56 days. The first four weeks the high school students stayed with a Host family and the balance of the time was spent with a group of different nationalities exploring the country.

The program continued until 1982 when it was changed to "Youth for Understanding". Travel was not restricted to Brazil. It has now been renamed, 2002-2004 Administration, as the Illinois Cultural Exchange Scholarship and can be used by high school students going abroad under other viable cultural exchange programs such as AFS/USA Inc., YFU, etc.

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GIRLS-ILLINOIS COTTAGE PARK RIDGE (\$1,000) _____

BOYS-LINCOLN LODGE (\$1,000) _____

Student's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Student's E-mail Address: _____ Birth Date _____ Male _____ Female _____

*Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Class Rank _____ Curriculum _____

**School you plan to attend (include mailing address):

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Answer the following questions:

1. Is financial aid needed in order for you to attend college? _____
2. Were you in the National Honor Society? _____ What years? _____

Provide the following:

1. Your extra curricular activities such as Scouts, 4-H, Band, sports, church, etc
2. List your goals and ambitions.
3. School transcripts, ACT/SAT scores
4. Two letters of recommendation – Principal, school counselor, teacher, employer, etc **NO RELATIVES**

***A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE IS PREFERRED BUT IF THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE DOES NOT REQUIRE A DIPLOMA, THE APPLICANT MAY BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE HAVING NO DIPLOMA.**

****THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT A FULL-TIME STUDENT WOULD BE FIRST CHOICE. A WORKING STUDENT WITH SIX HOURS OF NIGHT SCHOOL WEEKLY WOULD BE A SECOND CHOICE.**

STUDENT MUST ATTEND AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL – Payment of Scholarship will be made to the Student Financial Aid Office in the student's name by one installment for the fall semester. Verification of enrollment should be sent to GFWC Illinois, 81 N Chicago St Ste 406, Joliet IL 60432-4395.

All applications must be mailed to the Club President for signature and the Club President will forward to Darla D. Weltmer.

MAIL APPLICATION with answers to all questions, letters of recommendation, and transcripts POSTMARKED BY Wednesday, FEBRUARY 15, 2012 to: Darla D Weltmer, 4305 Leslie Lane, Decatur IL 62526

Questions phone (217) 877-7008 or email lmweltmer@juno.com

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Sponsoring Club _____ District _____

Club President's Signature* _____ Phone (_____) _____

***Required for application consideration**

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
GFWC ILLINOIS CULTURAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Student's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Student's Email _____ Birth Date _____ M _____ F _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Program Applied To _____
Accepted _____ Pending _____

Country Applied For _____ Program Length _____

Answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to study in a foreign country?
2. Why did you select this country?
3. What do you hope to gain or achieve from studying in another country?
4. Has anyone in your family been an exchange student?

Provide the following:

1. Educational plans
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Goals and ambitions
4. Two letters of recommendation-foreign language instructor, counselor, employer, etc. NO RELATIVES

STUDENT MUST BE ATTENDING AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL – Payment of scholarship will be made to the Cultural Exchange Program in the student's name in one installment. In order to have payment sent, a letter of verification of participation should be sent to GFWC Illinois, 81 N. Chicago St, Suite 406, Joliet, IL 60432-4395.

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President's Signature* _____ Phone (____) _____

***Required for application consideration**

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CENTENNIAL LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Centennial Library Scholarship is for a person pursuing a career in Library Science and attending an Illinois school or doing courses on line in an accredited program in the summer or fall of the 2012 school year. The qualified candidate must be enrolled either in a Master of Library Science (MLS) program, or in a Library Technical Assistant (LTA) certificate program. The scholarship amount is \$300.00 Please check with your local library for possible applicants for this scholarship.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Birth Date _____ M ____ F ____

SCHOOL ATTENDING (Including Address):

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why did you choose library science?
2. What is your specific area of interest? (Children's Librarian, technical support i.e.)

Please provide the following:

1. Prior work experience or education that relates to library science.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation – Librarian, Counselor, Employer – NO RELATIVES

STUDENT MUST ATTEND OR BE ATTENDING AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL – Payment of Scholarship will be made to the Student Financial Aid Office of facility attending or Library District sponsoring student by one installment for the semester. Verification of enrollment and to whom payment should be must be sent to GFWC Illinois, 81 N Chicago St Ste 406, Joliet IL 60432-4395.

All applications must be mailed to the Club President for signature and the Club President will forward to Darla D. Weltmer.

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Questions phone (217) 877-7008 or lmweltmer@juno.com

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

Sponsoring Club _____ District _____

President's Signature* _____ Phone (____) _____

***Required for application consideration**

To seek candidates for this scholarship, consider contacting your local library to see if a staff member is enrolled in either program. Your library may also know of people who are interested in library science.

**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Check One: **DRAMA - \$500 Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship**
 MUSIC - \$1,000 Hamilton Ridge Music Scholarship

Student's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
 Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Student's E-mail Address: _____ Birth Date _____ Male Female

Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Class Rank _____ Curriculum _____

School you plan to attend (include mailing address):

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
 Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Answer the following questions:

1. Is financial aid needed in order for you to attend college? _____
2. Were you in the National Honor Society? _____ What years? _____

Provide the following:

1. Your extra curricular activities such as Scouts, 4-H, Band, sports, church, etc
2. List your goals and ambitions.
3. School transcripts, ACT/SAT scores
4. Two letters of recommendation – Principal, school counselor, teacher, employer, etc **NO RELATIVES**
5. For Arthur Grant Smith Drama include drama/theater background such as private lessons, auditions, performances, etc. List in detail.
6. For Hamilton Ridge Music include a performance audio cassette – first selection limited to 5 minutes; add two additional selections one to be in English. Please include private lessons, musical competitions, performances, etc. List in detail.

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Club President's Signature* _____ Phone (_____) _____

***Required for application consideration**

**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
VINA A. MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – ARTS**

Student's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Student's Email _____ Birth Date _____ M ____ F ____

Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Class Rank _____ Curriculum _____

School you plan to attend (include mailing address):

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Answer the following questions:

1. Is financial aid needed in order for you to attend college? _____
2. Were you in the National Honor Society? _____ What years? _____

Provide the following:

1. Field of study in the Arts – Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, painting, drama, writing, art teacher, etc.
2. List your extracurricular activities such as Scouts, 4-H, Band, sports, church etc.
3. List your volunteer activities.
4. List your goals and ambitions.
5. Enclose school transcripts, ACT/SAT scores
6. Two letters of recommendations – Principal, school counselor, teacher, employer, etc **NO RELATIVES**

The first four items listed may be down in paragraph or outline form.

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