

# **ROBERT F. KENNEDY – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**And**

## **THE VIOLET ARMSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP**

### **HISTORY OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS**

The Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund is a local scholarship established following the deaths of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, who were committed to raising the level of education for those who could not do it for themselves. Many of the recipients have been the first in their families to attend college. Minorities are encouraged to apply.

Violet Armstrong was a member of Willard Street Methodist Church in Ottumwa, Iowa and left money to provide scholarships that would be distributed yearly to deserving students in need of financial assistance. The church has asked the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship committee to review the applications for the Violet Armstrong scholarship.

The members of the board of these memorial scholarship funds seek to encourage qualified students in Wapello and Van Buren County to obtain higher education beyond the secondary school level. Since 1968, Kennedy King scholarships have been given to graduates of Wapello County high schools, as well as non-traditional applicants, such as displaced homemakers and older people retraining for second careers. Beginning in 2003 the Violet Armstrong scholarship has been given to graduates of Wapello County and Van Buren County high schools. Applications will be considered on the basis of scholastic performance and financial need.

Several \$250-\$500 scholarships will be awarded each year. Decisions will be announced in the spring. Scholarship monies are raised through fund-raising projects, endowments, and local citizens. Awarded scholarships therefore vary in range based upon the number of accepted applicants and the amount of funds available.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Resident of Wapello County or Van Buren County
2. Acceptance by the school you are planning to attend
3. Provide a high school transcript and/or college grades (please attach)
4. Completion of the application in full
5. Personal letter (please attach)
6. A copy of your parents' most recent Federal Income tax form showing adjusted gross income (please attach)
7. One reference from a non-relative (please attach)
8. If your plans change, or there is an early drop, you agree to return the scholarship

All information given in this application is strictly confidential.

Mail to:  
Mike McWilliams  
210 Filmore Street  
Ottumwa, IA 52501

The APPLICATION must be postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Check off all the requirements to make sure that your application is complete.*

## PERSONAL DATA

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

2. Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Phone number(s): where you can be contacted concerning this application:

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Home

Work or School

## ADMISSIONS DATA

1. College or University \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(State)

Applied? Yes/No Accepted? Yes/No

2. Date School Term Begins \_\_\_\_\_

3. College program anticipated \_\_\_\_\_

4. College preparatory or vocational courses taken in high school  
\_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC DATA

Grade point average \_\_\_\_\_

ACT score (if taken) \_\_\_\_\_

SAT score (if taken) \_\_\_\_\_

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer

Position Held

Dates of Employment

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personal Letter**

Applicant may use this page or attach a separate one-page letter expressing educational and occupational interests and goals along with a description of other personal interests and any extraordinary factors which should be considered by the Scholarship Committee, including barriers that you may have faced in your personal life.

The letter must be only one page in length, typewritten or in clear handwriting, signed by applicant, and returned with this application.

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Applicant Signature

## SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

1. List academic honors, prizes or awards received \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List any organizations or community activities in which you have been active.

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## FAMILY DATA

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

Total number of children in the family \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings attending post-high school institutions \_\_\_\_\_

Other information which you feel affects your need for scholarship aid \_\_\_\_\_

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## FINANCIAL DATA

Annual income of parents' household from all sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated expenses at college (tuition, books, fees, room/board, clothing, misc.)\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated income (student savings, parent assistance, loans, gifts, scholarships, other) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Statement of Approval: I declare that I have read this application as completed, and to the best of my knowledge affirm that the answers are complete and correct.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_