



# LONNIE N. WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One \$500 Scholarship per Year

## Scholarship Criteria

The intent of this scholarship is to provide a graduating senior at Independence High School, who otherwise might not be able to attend college because of financial reasons, with an opportunity to do so. The successful applicant shall have:

- A sincere desire to pursue a college education
- A need for financial assistance in order to attend college
- Maintained at least a 2.6 GPA for the most recent two high school years
- Submitted an application to the IHS Scholarship Committee responding to the questions below
- Demonstrated to his or her teachers a sense of maturity and potential for success in college
- Been selected from among all applicants for this scholarship by a consensus of the Scholarship Committee

**Uses for the scholarship proceeds:** The recipient of this scholarship may use the proceeds to pay for tuition, books, fees, room and board at any accredited post-high school educational institution.

**Delayed use of the proceeds:** The recipient may elect to delay use of the scholarship proceeds for no more than four consecutive semesters if he/she chooses first to attend Independence Community College or Coffeyville Community College.

**Payment of the proceeds:** Scholarship proceeds will be paid to the recipient, or directly to the college that recipient will attend, in accordance with the Scholarship Committee's normal payment policies.

### **Application questions (to be answered on separate sheet[s] of paper):**

1. Name
2. Address
3. Names of parents/guardians
4. Last two years' overall Grade Point Average
5. Activities you participated in at school
6. Activities you participated in within the community
7. Honors/recognition received at school
8. Honors/recognition received in the community
9. Work Experience
10. Describe your financial need
11. Why do you want to pursue a college education?
12. Why do you believe you will be successful in college?

## **BIOGRAPHY OF LONNIE N. WOOD**

Lonnie N. Wood, former Superintendent of Schools in Independence, was an educator in southeast Kansas for 46 years. He began his career right out of Chanute high school in 1925 as principal of the Morehead elementary school, a seventh and eighth grade teacher and high school basketball coach. Over the next seventeen years, he was a teacher, coach and administrator in Altamont, county superintendent for Labette County, and a teacher in Coffeyville. During that time, he also attended Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg where he received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees. In 1944, he was hired as principal of the Independence Junior High School, a position he held for ten years. In 1954 he was selected as Independence superintendent of schools, and he continued in that position until his retirement in 1971, as well as serving as president of Independence Community College from 1965-67. Mr. Wood often expressed pride in the quality of teachers and administrators he brought into the Independence school system, and he is best remembered for the motto of encouragement he frequently repeated: *"Good, better, best; never let it rest until the good is better, and the better is best."*

*(Please return to The Counseling Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>)*