

WILLIS AND VADA HOSKINSON SCHOLARSHIP

Application Guide

Submit completed applications to:

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South Central Community Foundation
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About Willis and Vada Hoskinson

Willis and Vada Hoskinson were lifetime Turon area residents. Vada graduated from Sterling College and was an elementary school teacher. Willis attended the University of Kansas and was a longtime employee and officer at the Turon State Bank. Prior to their marriage, Vada Watson was selected as the first Miss Kansas Wheat Girl in 1925. The contest was sponsored by the Kansas State Agricultural College to promote wheat. The young Vada traveled to Washington, D.C. and presented President Calvin Coolidge with a small bag of wheat from Kansas, marked "Kansas Grows the Best Wheat in the World." Because of this honor, she traveled throughout Kansas and the United States promoting Kansas wheat.

The purpose for establishing this scholarship fund was to, in part, thank the residents of Turon and the surrounding area for all of their support of Vada as the Kansas Wheat Girl. In addition, it was Mr. And Mrs. Hoskinson's desire to promote post-secondary education among the young people of the Turon area.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Must be a resident of Reno, Pratt or Stafford counties, and reside within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the city of Turon, Kansas.
2. Must be planning to attend or is attending a college, university or community college located in the state of Kansas.
3. Must have at least a B average in high school and college.
4. Must demonstrate a dedication to community service.
5. Special consideration will be given to those students pursuing degrees in Education, Business or Agriculture.