



HELEN GOTTSLEBEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is established in the memory of Helen Gottsleben of Brookings, SD who was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State of South Dakota for 33 years, including 17 years as Director and Chairperson. She was also a Girls Nation Counselor in Washington, DC in 1975, 1976, and 1982. She served as the President of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary from 1973 - 1974 and was active on the national level for the next ten years. Helen also lived in the real world of government and politics, where she wrote letters to the editor and campaigned for candidates and policies that she believed in.

The scholarship will be awarded to one deserving student each year during the annual Girls State week. It is the intent of the family that this scholarship be awarded to a student that may otherwise go unrecognized. This may be a student that does not run for a major office but who may have run for a city office, assisted candidates for higher office in their campaign or just helped their fellow Girls State members in some way.

A student from each city is to be selected by the senior and junior counselors based on the criteria in the previous paragraph. The counselors should submit in writing their report to the selection committee as to why the student should be considered for this scholarship.

A selection committee should review all applications from the counselors of each city and select one student to receive the scholarship.

The final selection committee could include the following Girls State staff members: Girls State Director, State Auxiliary President, Secretary/Treasurer of the Girl's State Corporation and any additional members as designated by the Girls State Director.

The scholarship is to be a \$200.00 scholarship to be used by the recipient to further her education at any of the following: Any public/private university in the state of South Dakota or any of the recognized technical institutions located in Mitchell, Rapid City, Sioux Falls or Watertown.

The scholarship funds are to be sent directly to the school the recipient chooses to attend.