

PATRICIA & JOSEPH KOSZKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Patricia Koszka was born in 1931, the daughter of Ben and Ethel Hammack. Pat truly loved Tecumseh and Lenawee County, tracing her roots back five generations to two sets of great-great grandparents who settled here prior to 1850. Pat attended Tecumseh Public Schools from kindergarten at the old Brownsville School, until graduating in 1949 from what is now the Board of Education Building on Ottawa Street. She attended Michigan State and Eastern Michigan Universities, and then taught elementary school in the Tecumseh, Morenci and Bedford school districts. In 1953, she married Richard F. Ely, of Montpelier, Ohio, and they subsequently settled in Sylvania with their four children. Richard died in 1969, and thereafter Pat moved with her children back to her hometown, Tecumseh, where she raised her children as a single parent, worked as a realtor and participated in many civic and school-related activities for the rest of her life. Pat was elected to the Tecumseh Board of Education in 1975, only the second woman ever to serve on that Board, and re-elected in 1979. In 1983, she was elected to the Lenawee Intermediate School Board, and was re-elected four times, serving her final year of 24 as Board President. Pat passionately championed the causes of children with extra or special challenges, always speaking up for kids from broken homes, those with economic, health or other disadvantages and for kids with disabilities of all kinds. In 1988, Pat married Joseph E. Koszka of Tecumseh, himself a widower, having lost his wife Pam in 1979, and a father of two. Joe was Vice President at Anderson Development Co. in Adrian and traveled widely. It has often been said that Joe Koszka has never met a stranger. He always patiently and enthusiastically supported Pat in her work on the LISD Board. He was the son of Hungarian immigrants, a native of Harvey in Cook County, Illinois, a decorated veteran of World War II, having served with the invading forces at Normandy in 1944 and in the Battle of the Bulge. Pat and Joe enjoyed 18 ½ happy years together, including several winters in Chapala, Mexico, until Pat died unexpectedly in 2007. Joe remains healthy and lives an active life, splitting his time between his children's homes in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Florida.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The candidate must have successfully completed at least one year at the LISD TECH Center and graduated from a high school in Lenawee County.
2. Candidate must have set as his or her career goal that of working in an area that demonstrably improves the quality of life for young people, educationally, socially, or in the area of public health.
3. Candidate must be pursuing a degree in a field of study that reflects and enhances that career goal.
4. Candidate must demonstrate his/her sustained commitment to that career goal through prior or current work or volunteer experience.
5. Candidate must have successfully completed at least one year of post-secondary education, and must be entered in, his/her second, third, or fourth year at a Michigan college or university, including community colleges.
6. Candidate must have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 through high school and through any prior years of post-secondary studies.
7. Successful candidate must be able to prove substantial financial need.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. This scholarship will be for one year in length and scholarship recipients may not reapply.
2. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500.
3. The scholarship will be paid jointly to the student and the institution.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications and statements must be typewritten or computer generated and signed in all instances.
2. Candidates shall include a typewritten essay of 400 - 500 words in length about a current social issue impacting young people. The essay must summarize the issue and present the candidate's point of view.
3. Candidate shall provide two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a high school teacher who has witnessed candidate's potential in his/her chosen field of study, and one must be from a professor in the field of study at the college or university candidate currently attends.
4. Candidate shall submit a Memorandum describing his/her prior or current work or volunteer experience related to the field of study. For each job or volunteer experience, candidate will summarize the position in one or two sentences and provide the name and contact information for his/her supervisor.
5. Official high school and college transcripts must be attached.
6. The application should be prepared and arranged in the following order:
 - a. Completed and signed application - see #1
 - b. Essay - see #2
 - c. Letters of recommendation - see #3
 - d. Memorandum - see #4
 - e. Transcripts - see #5
7. Deadline for submitting the application is the second Friday in March.

Mail or deliver to: Lenawee County Education Foundation
Attention: Janet McDowell
4107 N. Adrian Highway
Adrian, MI 49221

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Patricia & Joseph Koszka Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008. The scholarship is to be awarded to a student who has completed at least one year at the LISD TECH Center and a graduate of a Lenawee County High School.

APPLICATION

DATE: _____

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Address _____ Phone _____
Street Area/Number

_____ City State Zip

Date & Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Schools attended (ninth through twelfth grades) Attach Transcripts

Name of School Date of Entrance Period Attended

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Date of high school graduation _____ Number in Class _____ Rank in Class _____

Name of college attending: _____

ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

Organization: Please state name of organization, year, and if an office was held. For Example:
Cheerleading 3,4 Co-Captain 4. State only major activities.

Honors and Awards - state year and nature of honor or award.

NON-SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

Organization: Please state name of organization, year and if an office was held. For example: Church youth group, scouting, etc. State only major activities. _____

Honors and Awards (state year and nature of honor or award). _____

ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited public or private post secondary institution. Please indicate the field you wish to study.

EMPLOYMENT

Positions held in gainful employment, periods of employment, and average time employed each week, etc.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

I understand that this scholarship, if granted to me, is for pursuing the course of study at the college or university stated in this application. If for any reason my plans change, I will inform the Trustees by letter. At that time the Trustees will have the right to reevaluate my application and revoke my scholarship.

I also understand that failure to notify the Trustees of any change in my college plans will result in automatic revocation of any scholarship that I might have otherwise received from the Trust.

I understand that the LISD may publish my name and photograph if I am awarded this scholarship.

DATE: _____

Parent's Signature (If student is not 18)

Student Applicant Signature

I give permission to release my high school grades and test scores and college grades to the Scholarship selection committee.

Signature of Applicant