



Maxine S. Loudon Scholarship

Maxine Strickland Loudon was born on the family farm in the Hepburn area on August 15, 1913. Her first year of education was at Sam's School, a one room school near the farm. She graduated in 1930 from the Clarinda High School at the age of 16, having skipped 3 half grades. She graduated from Clarinda Junior College in 1932 and from Northwest Missouri State in 1934. She taught English and Social Studies, and coached girls baseball for the next 3 years in Oregon, Missouri. In May of 1937, she married Hugh Loudon at her family farm. During the 40's and 50's Maxine did sporadic substitute teaching and from 1960 to 1981 she worked for the Iowa Department of Social Services as a social worker. Maxine passed away on October 24, 2012.

The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:

1. The scholarship shall only be awarded to a Clarinda High School graduating senior planning to obtain a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in the humanities. **Humanities – *The study of humanities includes the study of ancient and modern languages, literature, philosophy, history, human geography, law, politics, religion, and art.***
2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant to a college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment prior to the beginning of the fall semester of year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
4. The selection committee will be comprised of at least three and not more than five individuals: 1) one individual named by the Clarinda Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the committee); 2) the Clarinda Community High School Principal; 3) the Clarinda High School Guidance Counselor; and 4) a Clarinda High School faculty.
5. Applicants must submit a computer-generated essay including the following information:
 - a. the college(s) the applicant is considering or planning to attend
 - b. the applicant's intended specialty in the humanities and why they have chosen this specialty
 - c. the applicant's involvement in CHS activities
 - d. the applicant's community activities
 - e. the applicant's work history, if applicable
 - f. any other information that may be helpful to the selection committee

6. The selection committee will give special consideration to the need, character, and achievements of the applicants.
7. The selection committee reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
8. This scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin, or physical handicap.