



## *Carol Swenson Memorial Scholarship*

The *Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program* announces the 2023 Carol Swenson Memorial Scholarship Award. One (1) \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to someone who has been involved with the *Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program* as a candidate and/or member of the royal family.

Carol Swenson was a loyal, hard-working, and dedicated member of her community. In 1983, she started the South St. Paul Kaposia Days Scholarship Program and founded the Inver Grove Heights Royalty Program in 2007. She served as coordinator for both of these programs for multiple years as well as starting the pre-parade parties and kickoff dinners for both. Carol served on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival's board for over 30 years, working with and coordinating 7 Royal Families, working as President of Ambassadors, as well as coordinating the coronation dinner for 25 years. In 2006, Carol and her husband Dan received the Sal and Francesca LoBaido Volunteer Service Award, having shown a long term commitment and dedication to the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. Words of advice that Carol would offer young women today are "Be honest and faithful and never take credit that belongs to other people."

The scholarship will be awarded to an individual who represents the ideals that Carol valued and demonstrated throughout her life.

### *Guidelines & Priorities*

- Seeking graduating seniors or current undergraduate students previously involved in the *Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program* with an on-going record of volunteerism in their communities.
- Applicants must plan to attend a two (2)-year community college or four (4)-year college or university.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college, not the student. The scholarship funds will be issued to the college or university upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address.
- Applications that include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, volunteer organizer, or other community figure are preferred, but not required.
- Completed applications must be received by the *Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program* no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Mail one copy of a completed application to:**

*(This includes the letter of recommendation if applicable)*

Carol Swenson Scholarship Committee  
c/o Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 2141  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by the Carol Swenson Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be awarded August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, during the Candidate Kick-Off Dinner. A formal invitation will be sent, and the scholarship winner should plan to attend.

Please submit any questions to: [email address]



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## 2023 Scholarship Application

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. (MM/DD/YYYY)

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her He/Him They/Them Ze/Zir Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle all that apply)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
City State Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information *(Under 18 only)*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

#### High School Education

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a written statement about your past community involvement:

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## College/University Education

College/University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Major/Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you involved in your college community? (if applicable):

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## Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program Involvement

Year(s) of Candidacy Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box(es) for each division you participated in:

Miss/Mister IGH

Junior Miss/Mister IGH

Little Miss/Mister IGH

What was your favorite memory from being involved in the Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program?

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How did your candidacy benefit you? What did you learn about yourself and others from being involved in this program?

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Since your candidacy, what, if any, volunteer work have you been involved in? Why did you participate in this work?

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## Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent, that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program policy, I will try to be present at the Candidate Kickoff Dinner on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program policy, it is my responsibility to submit to the Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program, no later than [date], a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required if scholarship applicant is less than 18 years of age)*