



BARBARA BUCKINGHAM PATRONSKY SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

February 4, 2008

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The Lincoln Education Association Foundation (LEAF) is again offering a scholarship in the amount of \$500 in memory of Barbara Buckingham Patronskey as established by her husband, Richard. Barbara, an elementary teacher at Morley and Riley Schools, died of cancer in September, 1975. She was a vivacious person with a variety of interests who loved life and participated in a wide range of pursuits -- backpacking in Colorado, canoeing down the Niobrara, composing creative writing for enjoyment, viewing and participating in theater, and traveling in Europe and the United States. Barbara followed up various academic interests through university classes, in-service offerings, and private study. She was a prolific reader.

The purpose of the scholarship is obvious: to broaden the horizons of a practicing Lincoln teacher, especially if the activity involves travel, one of Barbara's loves.

The donor of the scholarship hopes to provide recipients with enrichment in the form of a college course or academic program in their major field or, perhaps, in a field other than the one they practice daily. The broadening of horizons will, no doubt, benefit the recipient personally by opening new vistas, but will also expand their professional capabilities as they grow in experience.

CRITERIA AND INFORMATION: In order to be eligible for designation as a Barbara Buckingham Patronskey Scholarship applicant, the educator must meet the following criteria:

1. be a unified LEA/NSEA/NEA member,
2. be a practicing classroom teacher (this criteria was set by Mr. Patronskey),
3. complete an application that includes the writing of an essay explaining the plans for using the scholarship and how these plans will broaden horizons for the individual [The recipient of the scholarship will be determined largely on the content of the essay.], and
4. agrees to provide proof of course completion and follow up in the form of a letter about the experience. If proof of course completion and follow up in the form of a letter about the experience is not completed, the recipient must return the \$500 to the LEA Foundation.

The scholarship money will be paid directly to the recipient. The scholarship is to be used for a course or program sponsored by an accredited college, e.g., graduate or undergraduate course(s), travel - study, etc. The scholarship is tax free to the recipient.

Deliver or mail the completed application to: Scholarship Committee, c/o Lincoln Education Association Foundation, 4920 Normal Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506; or send it through the school mail to: Scholarship Committee, LEA Office.

APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2008

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