

# Kenneth Reed Memorial Scholarship

## About Kenny Reed

Kenny Reed first came to GAge County in 1938 working for the State Extension Service. In 1941, Gage County put the Extension Service on the ballot and Kenny started as a Gage County Extension Agent in January 1942. His extension programs were one of the motivating forces that started the strong soil conservation movement in Gage County. Gage County today has a continuing tradition of action in soil and water conservation activities. Gage County did not have a dairy industry until Ken Reed's 4-H dairy calf program began a tradition of herd development and herd improvement.

When Kenny left Extension, he became the agricultural editor for a local newspaper and then worked for Aller and Pease Elevator for several years before starting his own agricultural supply business known as Ken Reed's, Inc. Kenny was a trusted farm advisor on land purchases, herbicides, insecticides, equipment purchases, and legal issues. He was a listener, a person who was caring, confidential and non-judgmental. More than a few farmers owe a portion of their operations to the help they acquired while sitting on a seed barrel at Kenny Reed's business.

This \$500.00 scholarship is to be awarded to an agricultural student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture-Curtis is made possible by donations from the family and friends of Kenny Reed. It is dedicated to the integrity and helping spirit of Kenny Reed. The scholarship was managed by Ken's close friend, John Rhodes, his death at 102 years of age in 2011.

## Scholarship Application

Applicant must have attained a 2.5 average on the 4-point equals an "A" scale

Applicants need to submit three items:

The attached application form

A typed or printed essay of not more than two pages, double spaced

One letter of recommendation from a person of your choice.

The essay should deal with your current and future goals in your education and career plans. Don't forget that hog farmers, elevator operators, bankers, food scientists, lawyers, Ag journalists and Con-Agra presidents are equally important to American's agriculture. The committee wants to hear about your personal goals and directions as you see them today.

The Kenneth Reed Memorial Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors planning to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources from the following schools:

Freeman High School

Wymore Southern High School

Beatrice High School

Tri County High School

Diller-Odell High School

Home School Graduates

The \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the applicant and the institution jointly when proof of enrollment and acceptance by the school has taken place.

Application deadline is March 15. Application should be sent to Paul C. Hay, 1115 West Scott, Beatrice, NE 68310

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College/University/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Grade Point: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Classes You Enjoyed Most: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

High School Activities You Have Participated in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Community or Other Activities You Have Participated In: \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Jobs you Have Held: (list most current first): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Express in a few words your need for scholarship help:

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Return this application with an essay and recommendation letter to Paul C. Hay, UNL Extension Educator Emeriti, 1115 west Scott St., Beatrice, NE 68310. Application deadline: March 15. The scholarship form can be accessed in MS-Word online at [gage.unl.edu](http://gage.unl.edu), Click for Gage County Info, Select 4-H & Youth, Select Scholarship