



## **KEN VANDEHEI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**About the Scholarship:** Kenneth Gerald Vandehei, 48, died from a lightning strike while vacationing with his family at Lake Powell on Sunday, July 30, 2006. Ken Vandehei was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He graduated from Cheyenne Central High School in 1976 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wyoming in 1981. Prior to moving to Arizona, Ken pursued a successful career as a general contractor and land developer in Cheyenne's Western Hills. In 1990, he moved to Phoenix and started Vandehei Enterprises and San Tan Distributing, Inc.. He was also a regional mortgage banker for Community Lending, Inc. and a Senior Associate with World Financial Group. A lover of aviation, Ken earned his instrument-rated private pilot's license in 2002 and frequently flew his family to vacation destinations in their plane. A man of true character, Ken was loved by many and respected by all who knew him. His strong work ethic and dedication to his family, was matched only by his love for life. To honor Ken's life and passion, his family established the Ken Vandehei Scholarship Fund managed by the Higley Education Foundation. The scholarship is awarded annually to outstanding high school seniors graduating from Higley High School and/or Williams Field High School, who plan to continue their education at a college or university of their choice. The scholarship awards vary in amounts from \$1,000 - \$8,000.

**All application materials, including sealed official transcripts and 2 sealed letters of recommendation from 2 different Higley Unified School District instructors and/or administrative personnel must be postmarked on or before the first Friday in April.**

Questions? Contact Mark Swisher (mdswisher@hotmail.com, 480-235-5857)

### **CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Please submit **two complete sets of your application materials** (one original and one photocopy).

Fasten sets with a paper clip or binder clip—**do not staple.**

**Each set of application materials should include:**

Application

Resume

Personal Essay

Letter of acceptance from chosen college or university

**1 sealed official high school transcripts**

**1 sealed letter of recommendation** on official district letterhead from 2 different Higley Unified School District instructors and/ or administrative personnel

**Mail all application materials to:** Higley Education Foundation

3317 S. Higley Road

Suite 114 PMB 248

Gilbert, Arizona 85297

**\*Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.**



## Ken Vandehei Memorial Scholarship Application Form

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Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street or PO Box City State Zip*

Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School in which you plan to enroll or are currently enrolled:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*College City/State Date of First Semester*

Have you been accepted? Yes No What is your intended field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Cum GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High school counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a printed resume and personal essay that discusses the following topics about yourself:

- Character Attributes
- Extracurricular Activities
- Awards and Recognitions
- Leadership Positions Held
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience
- Discuss your interest in your chosen major

I declare that all the information in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I have also attached 2 recommendation letters to this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



HIGLEY  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, M.I.)

## **KEN VANDEHEI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Letter of Recommendation**

The student named above is applying for the Ken Vandehei Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a selective group of Higley and/or Williams Field students from this year's graduating class. The application requires 2 sealed letters of recommendation on official district letterhead from a Higley Unified School District instructor or administrative personnel.

#### Recommendation Guidelines:

In your letter, please indicate the name of the student. Discuss the qualities the student has demonstrated that you feel make him/her competitive for the Ken Vandehei Memorial Scholarship. In addition, please comment on his/her intellectual ability, commitment to education, and campus/community involvement.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known the student \_\_\_\_\_

See attached letter



## Ken Vandehei Memorial Scholarship Program

### Scholarship Amount

- \$1,000 - \$8,000 Awards (2-Year or 4-Year College)
  - \$250 - \$2,000 Per Year
  - Paid directly to attending college each semester
- Scholarships must be renewed each year
  - Must satisfy yearly criteria (*See Monitoring Student Progress*)

### Duration of Award

- Renewable
- Maximum four years per recipient
- Recipient must provide copy of college transcripts for each semester for renewal

### Scholarship Criteria

- *Primary award criteria*
  - Must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA
  - Consistent Involvement in Extracurricular Activities
  - Leadership
  - Participation in specific activities
  - Awards and recognition
  - Personal Attributes
- **Eligible applicants**
  - Higley Unified School District Graduating Seniors from Higley High or Williams Field High
- **Award restrictions**
  - **Renewable**
  - Degree Studies
  - Full-time attendance
- **Other Criteria**
  - Personal Interview
  - Letter(s) of reference
  - Letter of acceptance from chosen college or university
  - High school or college transcripts



## **Administration**

### *Application procedures*

- Applications are available at the following location:
  - HUSD Website (Higley Education Foundation)
  - Higley Unified School District High School Career Services
- Completed applications are to be postmarked no later than the first Friday in April
- Official High School Transcripts must accompany the application
- 2 letters of recommendation from 2 HUSD instructors and/or administrative personnel must accompany the application
- Winners will be notified by phone or mail on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of May
- Awards to be disbursed directly to the college the recipient is or will be attending each semester

### *Selection Committee*

- The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of Frankie Vandehei Conway, District Superintendent, and a HEF board member

### *Monitoring Student Progress*

- Recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA or better to be eligible to renew the scholarship
  - A recipient may have their scholarship suspended if the minimum GPA is not maintained
  - A recipient may petition the suspension by submitting a letter to the Scholarship Committee
  - The scholarship may be terminated after the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation of the minimum GPA requirement
- Recipient must maintain a clear criminal history to retain the scholarship
- Recipient must provide a copy of their transcripts after each completed semester of study