

WHAT IS THE WANDA MAY VINSON SCHOLARSHIP

Wanda May Vinson founded the Kansas Association for Youth and directed the organization for 36 years. Through her guidance the KAY program became a nationally acclaimed organization which has provided thousands of Kansas youth the opportunity to receive leadership training and to assume citizenship responsibilities by serving their school, community, nation and world.

The Vinson Scholarship Fund was established in 1957. Miss Vinson wanted to help graduating seniors who provided outstanding leadership in the Kansas Association for Youth further their education. Those KAY members who achieved high scholastic standing and made contributions of service to their school and community were eligible to apply for a Vinson Scholarship.

2022 marks the 65th year of awarding Wanda May Vinson Scholarships. During this span of time, six hundred students have received these scholarships, this year reaching a total amount of \$142,000.00.

In addition, since 2006, 222 scholarships @ \$50 each have been awarded to KAY clubs for KAY Leadership Camp attendance. In 2022 this total reached \$11,100. No camp scholarships were awarded in 2020. The grand total for all Vinson Scholarships equals \$153,100.00

HOW ARE THESE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED?

The money for these scholarships are made possible through gifts from KAY members of Kansas and by other supporters of the Kansas Association for Youth. A large donation each year is received from campers at KAY Leadership Camp and at the fall Regional Conferences.

WHAT SHOULD OUR CLUB CONSIDER DONATING?

Clubs may make a donation to the Vinson Scholarship Fund any time during the year. The Regional Conference Collection provides a great way for clubs to support this fund.

So what should a club give? Some options:

- \$1.00 per member
- \$2.00 per member
- \$76.00 for the 76th Year
- Any other amount – i.e., \$50.00, \$100.00, etc.

*Checks should be made payable to
**VINSON SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

Remembering that "Something Is Better Than Nothing", give what your club can afford.

If Donating in conjunction with the Regional Conference: Please mail your check (*) to the following address:

If Donating via US Mail: Vinson Scholarship
Attn. Annie Diederich
KSHSAA
601 SW Commerce Place
Topeka, KS 66615

**Thank you for your donation and the
support it will provide for KAY
Members & their future leadership
& service initiatives.**