

## 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.

2020 marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of awarding Wanda May Vinson Scholarships. During this span of time, five hundred and fifty six students have received these scholarships, this year reaching a total amount of \$127,500.00.

In addition, since 2006, 195 scholarships @ \$50 each have been awarded to KAY clubs for KAY Leadership Camp attendance. In 2019 this total reached \$9,750. The grand total for all Vinson Scholarships equals \$137,250.00

### 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
- \$73.00 for the 73<sup>rd</sup> 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 @ Regional Conference: Give your check to your Area Sponsor upon arrival.

If Donating via US Mail:      Vinson Scholarship  
   Attn. Cheryl Gleason  
   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.**