



**TO:** Head Start and Early Head Start Directors  
WHSA Staff Affiliate Members

**FROM:** WHSA Staff Affiliate Officers

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**DATE:** February 1, 2016

**SUBJECT:** WHSA 2016 Staff Affiliate Scholarships

1. *John Erickson Memorial Scholarship* (for a current staff member)
2. *Corrine “Corky” Mikus Memorial Scholarship* (for a current staff member who is also a past or current Head Start/Early Head Start parent)
3. *Joyce E. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship* (for a current staff member who is also a past or current Head Start/Early Head Start parent)
4. *WHSA Staff Affiliate Scholarship* (for a current staff member)

Please review the attached scholarship information and application. Distribute this information to your staff for their consideration and completion. All interested applicants are to complete all information requested on the application form.

- Each applicant must attach at least two letters of recommendation (see attached guidelines for letters of recommendation on the application)
- The Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director must also sign off on the application
- Only applications received by **Thursday, March 31, 2016** will be considered timely for selection committee consideration.

The application can be downloaded at [www.whsaonline.org](http://www.whsaonline.org) and submitted via mail, fax or email.

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Scholarships will be reviewed at the WHSA Spring Quarterly Meeting. All applicants will be notified of whether or not they are scholarship recipients by August 2016. Scholarships will be awarded at the WHSA Fall Quarterly Meeting.

Please contact the WHSA Office with any questions by [WHSAssist@whsaonline.org](mailto:WHSAssist@whsaonline.org) or by calling 608-442-6879.

Attachments (2): Scholarship Descriptions  
Scholarship Application

## WHSA Staff Affiliate Scholarships

### JOHN ERICKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

John Erickson served as director of the Parent Child Center (PCC) and Head Start program of West Cap, Inc. for twenty-one years. John was committed to the involvement of parents in Head Start, supportive to staff, and dedicated his life to Head Start. He was instrumental in the inception of the Wisconsin Head Start Director's Association in the early 70's serving as Chairperson in 1977.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** The John Erickson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a *current Head Start employee*, employed by Head Start for **at least one year**.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship award is \$300. The award can be requested for course fees and books.

### CORRINE "CORKY" MIKUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The WHSA staff affiliate established the Corrine "Corky" Mikus Memorial Scholarship in 1985 in memory of Corky Mikus. Corky was a Head Start employee for the Kenosha Public School's Head Start program prior to her death in 1984.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** The Corinne "Corky" Mikus Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a *current Head Start employee* who is a *past/current Head Start parent*, employed by Head Start for **at least one year**.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship award is \$300. The award can be requested for course fees, books, child care and/or transportation.

### JOYCE E. WILCOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Joyce E. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship was established in 2000 in memory of Joyce's dedication to Head Start. Joyce was a former director at the UW Oshkosh Head Start program prior to her death in 1994.

This annual scholarship is made possible through the generous donation of Joyce's siblings and daughters who wish to "honor our mother and to help someone who is struggling as mom once did," and through the WHSA Staff Affiliate Scholarship Raffle.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** The Joyce E. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a *current Head Start employee* who is a *past/current Head Start parent* and "needs a head start" to pursue their education. The recipient must have been employed by Head Start for **at least one year**.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship award is \$300. The award can be requested for course fees, books, child care and/or transportation.

### STAFF AFFILIATE SCHOLARSHIP



The Staff Affiliate Scholarship is an annual scholarship made available from funds raised throughout the year by the WHSA Staff Affiliate members. The Staff Affiliate would also like to give special recognition to Lakeshore Learning Materials for their generous donation during the WHSA Annual Conference. Their generosity and support of this scholarship fund-raising raffle continues to help make this scholarship possible.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** The Staff Affiliate Scholarship will be awarded to a *current Head Start employee*, employed by Head Start for **at least one year**. Special consideration will be given to those applicants who are obtaining an advanced degree (Advanced Degree is anything above an Associates) or recertification.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship award is \$300. The award can be requested for advanced education, recertification and related expenses.

## WISCONSIN HEAD START ASSOCIATION 2016 APPLICATION FOR STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants may apply for any scholarship for which they qualify. Each applicant is eligible to receive only one scholarship. Please answer each question as thoroughly as possible.

<b>Scholarship Applying for:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> John Erickson	<input type="checkbox"/> “Corky” Mikus <small>(past/current Parent only)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Joyce E. Wilcox <small>(past/current Parent only)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Affiliate

<b>First Name:</b>		<b>Last Name:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>			
<b>City/State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Home Phone #:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Agency Name:</b>			
<b>Agency Address:</b>			
<b>Agency City/State:</b>		<b>Agency Zip:</b>	
<b>Agency Phone #:</b>		<b>Agency FAX:</b>	
<b>Program Director Name:</b>			
<b>Position(s) Held in Head Start:</b>		<b># of Years:</b>	
<b>Date of Hire:</b>			
<b>Will this scholarship be used in achieving an advanced degree?</b>	YES	NO	
<b>Name of accredited institution you plan to attend:</b>			
<b>Course Title(s):</b>			
<b>* Were/Are you a Head Start parent?</b> <small>(* Criteria used for selection of Corky Mikus &amp; Joyce E. Wilcox recipients)</small>	YES	NO	
<b>Were you a recipient of a WHSA Staff Affiliate scholarship last year?</b>	YES	NO	

<b>What are your education and career goals?</b>

**Where are you currently in pursuit of these goals?**

**How are you involved in Head Start and your community (i.e. board/community involvement, positions held, etc.)?**

**Describe any personal and professional achievements:**

**Describe any financial or personal barriers or challenges that you have to achieving your educational goals.**

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**Signature of Applicant (Required)**

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**Date**

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**Signature of HS/EHS Program Director (Required)**

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**Date**

**ATTACH AT LEAST TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- One letter of recommendation should be from your current supervisor.
- The other letter of recommendation may be from a colleague of your choice – i.e. professor, mentor, or Head Start staff member.

Reference letters for WHSA scholarship applicants should address any or all of the following areas:

- Personal or professional achievements of the applicant
- The applicants educational and career goals
- Head Start and community involvement
- Financial need of the applicant
- Any special needs or circumstances

Application must be **SIGNED BY HS/EHS PROGRAM DIRECTOR** and received at the WHSA office by **THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016** to be considered eligible for consideration. Mail, fax or email to:

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