

WISCONSIN HEAD START ASSOCIATION
2011 WHSA STAFF AFFILIATE SCHOLARSHIPS
SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

JOHN ERICKSON

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 in 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

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 Corrine "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

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 sons 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 current or past 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

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 or recertification.

Amount of Scholarship

The scholarship is \$300. The award can be requested for advanced education, recertification and related expenses.

INFORMATION FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Which School May Be Attended?

The scholarships must be used for courses offered through an accredited institution.

Who Determines Eligibility?

The selection committee, made up of representatives from the Wisconsin Head Start Association's Staff Affiliate, will determine the eligibility of each applicant. The selection committee's determinations result in recommendations to the WHSA Board of Directors, which makes final approval.

Criteria Used for Selection

Criteria used for selection include community involvement, special needs and circumstances, future plans, financial needs, and obstacles overcome while employed.

Date of Award

Selection and notification of each award winner will be made during the summer. The winners will be recognized at the 2011 Wisconsin Head Start Association Fall Quarterly Meeting.

Each award recipient must initiate schooling within eight (8) months of receiving the award and must inform WHSA of the results and/or use of the money. A letter requesting early release of the award must be forwarded if the recipient wishes to enroll in a course during the fall semester and would like to use the scholarship for that purpose. Award recipients are to forward their letters of intended use and/or early release request to Shelley Cousin, Executive Director, WHSA, 122 E. Olin Avenue, Suite 110, Madison, WI 53713.