



THE GENE AND ISABEL GUETZKO SCHOLARSHIP

We established this fund in 2010 to honor our parents, Gene and Isabel Guetzko.

Born in eastern Iowa, they both graduated from the University of Iowa. Gene was the top Civil Engineering student in Iowa in 1949, and Isabel graduated in Business, with a teaching minor. They came to Mason City in 1967, and lived the rest of their lives here. After a great deal of experience designing and building bridges, Gene came to head the structural department at Wallace, Holland, Kastler and Schmitz, and Isabel became the office manager and bookkeeper for Edwards-Brandt & Associates, positions they held until their retirement.

Our parents strongly believed in the power of education, and insisted that all three of their children attend college as well. Isabel was especially committed to helping young women further their education, and implemented scholarships for them through the charitable organizations with which she was involved. They often told us that "the only thing that can never be taken from you is your education." Education is truly a gift for life.

They would both be pleased to know they continue to help young people further their education.

PARAMETERS FOR THE GENE AND ISABEL GUETZKO SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1. We intend for this fund to deplete itself in fifteen years, by 2025.
2. Depending upon the instrument chosen by the Foundation to implement this, we expect there to be a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 awarded each year of the fifteen years, the yearly amount to be calculated as the total fund divided by the number of years remaining. The fifteenth year's recipient would receive what was left in the fund.
3. Ideally, we would prefer this scholarship be given to a student in need, with a grade point average of 2.5 or above, with preference given to those students who work hard, but who may not be able to achieve the highest grade points. Please look at the "average" student first, as so often they have fewer opportunities available to them.
4. Scholarship is to be awarded to a Mason City High School Senior. If possible, we would like each recipient to be given the short bio of our parents, above, so they have some idea from whom they are receiving it.
5. Finally, please award this scholarship to students who are planning to study in the following majors, in order of our preference:
 - A. Civil Engineering
 - B. Engineering
 - C. Sciences
 - D. Mathematics
 - E. Math or Science Teacher
 - F. Business Education
 - G. Accounting

Obviously, Civil Engineering or Engineering majors would be our first choice. However, we would like the Foundation Board to have enough choices to be certain that a scholarship will be awarded to a Mason City High School Senior each year.

We thank you for your assistance in implementing this memorial to our parents, and we entrust you to choose someone each year to receive their legacy.

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