

## HISTORY OF THE I.W.G.A. SCHOLARSHIPS

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The following was written by Ione Reid in 1981 and edited by Sally Sharp in October of 2001.

Since 1963 scholarships have been given to girls entering college. The first scholarship was given to Louise Ostreko. On June 10, 1980 at the Olde Indian Creeke Country Club in Marion, Iowa scholarships were presented to Linda Bettenhausen, Emmetsburg; Diane Thiede, Hampton; Diane Dave, Cedar Rapids; Barb A. Mueller, Orange City and Alicia Eckstein of Boone, Iowa. The first scholarship in 1963 was for \$350.00. Last year the I.W.G.A. gave 5 scholarships of \$750.00 each. In 1985 the scholarship award was raised to \$1000.00. There is also a letter in the historians records from Mrs. Lyle E. Shultz (Executive Secretary to Mrs. Drew Reid postmarked June 1980 that states that this tournament was designated as I.W.G.A. tournament in 1932. Certificate of Incorporation, September 28, 1965. This letter listed all the winners of the I.W.G.A. Scholarships beginning with 1963 through 1980. From 1980 through 1990 the winners of the I.W.G.A. scholarships were listed on a separate piece of paper but is not signed by anyone.

**1963** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty  
**Winner:** Louise Ostreko

**1964** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty  
**Winner:** Luanne Hansen

**1965** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty  
**Winner:** Ann Brecunier

**1966** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty  
**Winner:** Judee Stringer

**1967** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty, Waterloo  
**Winner:** Ronni Archibald

**1968** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty, Waterloo  
**Winner:** Julie Rolleston

**1969** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty, Waterloo  
**Winner:** Sandra Korff

**1970** – Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty, Waterloo  
**Winner:** Wendy Schreck

**1971** – Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winner:** Jean DeMeulenaere

**1972** – Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winner:** Collette Wassom

In 1972 the requirements of the I.W.G.A. Scholarship Award was stated as follows:

The Iowa Women's Golf Association awards annually a full tuition scholarship to an Iowa high school girl graduating from an Iowa high school and enrolling at Iowa State University, State University of Iowa or University of Northern Iowa. This scholarship is open to: 1) Girls of excellent character; 2) Girls who meet entrance requirements at the three universities; 3) Girls who are recommended by one or more high school officials; 4) Girls who are recommended by member golf associations of the I.W.G.A.; 5) Girls who have participated in at least one golfing event, either the Iowa Junior Girls' Tournament, the Iowa Women's Tournament, or one local city, club, or high school golfing event; 6) Girls who complete an application and submit it by April 1 of the graduating year. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered; 7) Golfing skill has no direct bearing on the scholarship award. Award of Scholarship will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Iowa Women's Golf Association. Send application by April 1<sup>st</sup> to Mrs. Kenneth Watts, 3102 Terry Dr., S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403. Additional application blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Watts.

**1973** – Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Margaret Clark, Diana DeMong, Susan Rodman

In 1973 the I.W.G.A. awarded two \$750.00 scholarships to two Iowa high school girls graduating from an Iowa high school, and enrolling at any accredited state or private college of Iowa. This is different from the statement made in 1972 of awarding a full tuition scholarship. Also there is written paper in the historians records that there were three scholarships awarded in 1973.

**1974** – Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Susan Slitor, Lynn Bemer

**1975** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Barbara Miller, Sharon Gruver, Rachel Reicher, Sheryl Watters

**1976** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
Co-Chairmen: Bette Bierman, Grinnell; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Marion Lichty, Waterloo  
**Winners:** Carol Kintziner, Jacque Young

**1977** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
Co-Chairmen: Bettie Bierman, Grinnell; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Marion Lichty, Waterloo; Joan Allender, Des Moines  
**Winners:** Lori Hopkins, Rebecca Leschensky, Barbara Wieben

**1978** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
Co-Chairmen: Bette Bierman, Grinnell; Joan Allender, Des Moines; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee  
**Winners:** Tina Bertogli, Kathleen Buckeit, Janet Hunsinger, Joan Peck

**1979** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
Co-Chairmen: Bette Bierman, Grinnell; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Fran Rust, Iowa City  
**Winners:** Linda Christian, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Stuek, Jayne Tabor, Cathy Walter

**1980** – Chairman: Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
Co-Chairmen: Betty Dunham, Onawa; Bette Bierman, Grinnell; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee  
**Winners:** Alicia Eckstein, Boone, UNI; Linda Bettenhausen, Emmetsburg, UI; Diane Davis, Cedar Rapids, UI; Barb Mueller, Orange City, UI; Diane Thiede, Hampton, ISU

1980 is the first year that this writer can find of any winners of the scholarship awards, and even though the I.W.G.A. book states that they are only awarding two scholarships of \$750.00 each the records that were found lists five winners for 1980.

**1981** – Chairman: Betty Dunham, Onawa  
Co-Chairmen: Fran Rust, Iowa City; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Laurie Haight, Waterloo, ISU; Janet Anderson, Storm Lake, ISU; Beth Beirsdorf, Denison, UI; Melanie Peterson, Pocahontas, UI; Amy Bibon, Cedar Rapids, UI; Tracy Shephard, Madrid, Luther College

1981 was the first year for six scholarships.

**1982** – Chairman: Betty Dunham, Onawa  
Committee: Fran Rust, Iowa City; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Jacky Van Ekerron, Monroe, ISU; Jill Iverson, Iowa City, ISU; Margaret Rousher, Clinton, UNI; Kimberly Doyle, Oelwein, Central-Pella; Julie Flack, Glenwood, UI

The 1982 I.W.G.A. book states that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship awards and that this year they are awarding several \$750.00 scholarships to Iowa high school girls.

**1983** – Chairman: Betty Dunham, Onawa  
Committee: Fran Rust, Iowa City; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Polly Watts, Cedar Rapids  
**Winners:** Laura Harty, Boone, ISU; Dawn Snyder, Tripoli, Wartburg; Kristin Lappe, Whittemore, ISU; Julie Troutman, Dysart, ISU; Robin Toney, Grinnell, UNI

**1984** – Chairman: Betty Dunham, Onawa  
Committee: Fran Rust, Iowa City; Ann Willbrandt, Cherokee; Marcia Bedell  
**Winners:** Kelly Martin, Denison, Drake; Therese Johnson, Grinnell, UNI; Michelle Mahoney, Oelwein, ISU; DeAnn Treptow, Maynard, Wartburg; Jane Hutchins, Marion, ISU; Cinday Line, Algona, UI

Note that in 1984 there were six scholarship awards were given.

**1985** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Sue Brinkmeyer, Marcia Bedell  
**Winners:** Lisa Bradley, Oelwein, UNI; Nancy Peterson, Forest City, ISU; Jill Schafer, Sibley, Briar Cliff; Valerie Holst, Knoxville, UI; Rhonda Seaton, Anamosa, Wartburg

1985 was the year that the Scholarship awards was changed to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann Griffel I.W.G.A. Scholarship Awards and the awards were changed to \$1000.00.

**1986** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Sue Brinkmeyer, Roberta VanFleet  
**Winners:** Denise Bodensteiner, Fredricksburg, Loras College; Page Dickerson, Iowa City, UI; Amy Bell, Dyersville, Briar Cliff; Stephanie Root, Belle Plaine, ISU; Lan Marie Hutchison, Mason City, Drake; Dawn Marting, Dubuque, ISU

**1987** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Roberta VanFleet, Jan Lehr  
**Winners:** Suzan Merfeld, Nashua, UI; Tiffany Kleve, Humboldt, ISU; Stephanie Reinert, Durant, Wartburg; Laurie Hartsock, Washington, UI; Sharon King, Atlantic, Central-Pella

**1988** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Roberta VanFleet, Jan Lehr  
**Winners:** Leslie Furlong, Clinton, UI; Mary Forburger, Wesley, UNI; Kerri Kubik, Avoca, UI; Sara Tandy, Winfield, Luther College; Anne Woodhouse, Vinton, Buena Vista

**1989** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Roberta VanFleet, Jan Lehr  
**Winners:** Melissa Birchum, Leon, UI; Lori Trusheff, Ft. Dodge, UNI; Darci Penaluna, Iowa Falls, UNI; Samantha Clark, Lake Mills, Drake

**1990** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Roberta VanFleet, Trudie Higgs  
**Winners:** Jaimie Fitzpatrick, Cedar Rapids, UNI; Angela Simonson, Atlantic, UNI; Kimberly Moreland, Ottumwa, Simpson; Julie Ferrell, Webster City, UI; Kimberly Enockson, Correctionville, UNI; Cynthia Miller, Mason City, UNI; Becky Johnson, Boone, UI

**1991** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Joan Bane, Roberta VanFleet, Trudie Higgs  
**Winners:** not available

**1992** – Chairman: Betty Dunham  
Committee: Trudie Higgs, Jean Petersen, Gleni Howard  
**Winners:** not available

**1993** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jean Petersen, Lori Pruisner, Jeri Johnson  
**Winners:** Julie Bush, Bettendorf; Amy Cagley, Jesup; Jodie Fisher, Marion; Bree Hadsell, Colfax; Jennifer McCoy, Mason City; Alyssa Stitt, Fort Dodge

**1994** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jean Petersen, Lori Pruisner, Jeri Johnson  
**Winners:** Angela Toney, Grinnell; Kellie Huston, Des Moines; Lee Baxter, DeWitt; Courtney Determan, DeWeitt; Ann Jungblut, Postville

1994 was the first year that the winners of the Ann Griffel I.W.G.A. Scholarship awards was listed in the I.W.G.A. book.

**1995** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jean Petersen, Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch  
**Winners:** Suzanne Gilbert, Iowa Falls; Alison Knutson, Marcus; Julie Pratt, Urbandale; Casey Johnson, Villisca; Sarah Papesh, Belle Plaine

**1996** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jean Petersen, Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCuniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Amanda Graves, Marion; Sarah Iverson, Grundy Center; Hannah Willenborg, Dyersville; Betsy Hoffman, Cedar Falls; Jenni Wedemeyer, Guthrie Center; Traci Ann Winder, Iowa Falls

**1997** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Jewell Anderson, Spencer; Kristen Giannetto, State Center; Abby Schuiteman, Sioux Center; Courtney Brooks, Newton; Beth Nickell, Coon Rapids; Jennifer Smith, Eagle Grove

**1998** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Jessica James, Donnellson; Katherine Nicole Jensen, Marion; Carla Iverson, Grundy Center; Jennifer Benson, Avoca; Erin Deneffe, Ottumwa; Trina Dirks, Grundy Center

**1999** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Deanna Dolezal, Toledo; Sarah Hutchinson, Marion; Meagan Peavey, DeWitt; Sarah Gilbert, Ankeny; Maggie Mishler, Solon; Melissa Stull, Reinbeck

**2000** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Kelly Dirks, Grundy Center; Carolee Doak, Grundy Center; Andrea Meyer, Adel; Abbie Hawn, Spirit Lake; Cynthia Whitmore, Clarinda; Senta Willenborg, Dyersville

**2001** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch

**Winners:** Shannon Adams, Grundy Center attending Iowa State; Janelle Claiborne, Lake City attending Simpson; Krystal Kirkpatrick, Humboldt attending Cornell College; Laura Kleever, Independence attending University of Iowa; Mikkell Korver, Orange City attending University of Northern Iowa; Katie Ross, Webster City attending Iowa State.

**2002** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Sonia McCunniff, Linda Frisch and Julie Lisle

**Winners:** Darcy Dolezal, Toledo, attending University of Northern Iowa; Kelsey Haughey, Toledo, attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids; Karma Huffman, Calument attending University of Northern Iowa; Kassi Ross, Grundy Center attending Briar Cliff University in Sioux City; Emily Volger, Huxley attending Central College in Pella and Allison Waters, Independence attending Simpson College in Indianola.

**2003** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Linda Frisch, Jeri Johnson, Julie Lisle, Sonia McCunniff

**Winners:** Nicole Benes, Aurelia, attending Briar Cliff University; Jackie Bruso, West Union, attending Coe College; Jenny Goodall, Waukee, attending Simpson College; Jessics Monical, Aurelia, attending Central College Pella; Allison Schmidt, Grundy Center, attending Wartburg College; Jennifer Stork, Lidderdale, (college not listed).

**2004** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jeri Johnson, Julie Lisle, Sonia McCuniff, Ann McGrevey

**Winners:** Cassy Bjustrom, Whittemore, attending Iowa State University; Rachel Grover, Brooklyn, attending Iowa State University; Kendra Hanson, Forest City, attending Iowa State University, Kelly Jansen, Davenport, attending University of Northern Iowa; Brittany Lambert, Keokuk, attending University of Iowa, Bailey Meyer, Waukon, attending Clark College Dubuque.

**2005** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs

Committee: Jill Blackwood, Julie Lisle, Ann McGrevey

**Winners:** Megan Christy, Winton, attending Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Sabrina Danielson, Pleasant Hill, attending Iowa State, Ames; Ellen Miller, Cedar Rapids, Attending Luther College, Decorah; Kelly Tesselink, Algona, attending University of Iowa, Iowa City; Katelyn Thompson, Webster City, attending Wartburg College, Waverly; Jessica Williams, Avoca, attending Iowa State University, Ames.

**At the October fall board meeting it was decided to change the six annual Ann Griffel scholarships to \$1500.00 each for 2006.**

- 2006** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jill Blackwood, Julie Lisle, Ann McGrevey  
**Winners:** Jenna Azbell, Peosta, attending Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Morgan Brown, Fort Dodge, attending Central College, Pella; Sarah Geist, Mount Ayr attending Marshalltown Community College, Marshalltown; Kaitlyn Mauk, Clive, attending Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Kelsey Shiflett, Humboldt, attending Northwestern College, Orange City; Megan Smith, Eagle Grove, attending Simpson College, Indianola
- 2007** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Jill Blackwood, Julie Lisle, Ann McGrevey  
**Winners:** Alyssa Kacmarynski, Ida Grove, attending Morningside College, Sioux City; Melissa McMurray, Nora Springs, attending Wartburg College, Waverly; Emily Monroe, Indianola, attending the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Brittany O'Brien, Wadena, attending North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City; Samantha Sturch, Waterloo, attending the University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2008** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Judy McCarty, Jill Blackwood, Julie Lisle  
**Winners:** Ali Cochrane, Fort Dodge, attending Simpson College, Indianola; Lauren Doherty, Grimes, attending Buena Vista, Storm Lake; Kelsey Geist, Mt. Ayr, attending Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs; Melissa Jensen, Bettendorf, attending University of Iowa, Iowa City; Katie Suckow, Waukee, attending Iowa State University, Ames; Laura Wilberg, Vinton, attending Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids
- 2009** – Chairman: Trudie Higgs  
Committee: Judy McCarty, Jill Blackwood, Julie Bush  
**Winners:** Bailee Goodfellow, Iowa City, attending Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids; Kaurie Kincaid, Knoxville, attending Central College, Pella; Brittany Livengood, Eagle Grove, attending AIB College of Business, Des Moines; Stephanie Olberding, Cedar Rapids, attending Iowa State University, Ames; Kelsi Sawatzky, Ankeny, attending Wartburg College, Waverly; Kelsey Smed, Waukon, attending Central College, Pella

