

## **The Lisa Konecne Legacy Scholarship for Future Educators**

This scholarship honors Lisa Konecne, a deeply beloved Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) teacher whose unwavering dedication to her students and her craft left an indelible mark on the Southwest Valley School District and within the Iowa FCCLA community. She taught in Southwest Valley for 18 years, and served as an FCCLA advisor for multiple years, holding local, state, and national roles and earning numerous honors and awards throughout her career.

In June of 2016, Lisa began an 8.5-year battle with ovarian cancer, a journey that revealed her remarkable resilience and unmatched strength. Despite her diagnosis, Lisa continued to pour her heart into her work, including teaching FCS, mentoring students through FCCLA, and passionately supporting her students in all their pursuits. She was a steadfast presence, embodying the values of perseverance, compassion, and an extraordinary capacity for BIG LOVE.

Lisa was known for her BIG LOVE for people. This love echoed in the way she consistently "showed up" for those she cared about, no matter the circumstances, and her BIG LOVE touched everyone she encountered. Her radiant smile and positivity inspired not just her students but also her family, colleagues, and friends. Lisa's life was a testament to the power of love, resilience, and commitment to others.

This scholarship celebrates Lisa's enduring legacy by supporting aspiring educators who share her passion for teaching and her dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of students.

## Application Requirements

### Eligibility:

- Open to high school seniors with the intention of majoring in Education.
- Must include your current GPA.
- Must exhibit a commitment to education and community involvement.

### Application Materials

Resume that includes

- Name:
  - Address:
  - Email:
  - Phone Number:
  - Date of Birth:
  - College: list if you've been accepted
  - Degree/Program of Study:
  - List of School activities
  - Community activities
  - Leadership roles
  - Volunteer work
  - ETC
2. Transcript:  
An official or unofficial transcript showing your current GPA.
  3. Essay (500-750 Words):  
*Prompt: Describe a teacher, coach, or person who has inspired you and how their influence shaped your decision to pursue a career in education. Share how you plan to carry forward their legacy of resilience, compassion, love, and dedication in your own teaching career.*
  4. Letter of Recommendation:  
One letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or community leader who can speak to your character, dedication to education, and future potential.

### Scholarship Award

- Award Amount: Family has not determined set amount at this time
  - Family would like the option to provide more than one if deemed equal candidates

### Submission Deadline

- Applications must be submitted by **April 8th to the SWV school counselor's office.**

### How to Apply

- Submit all materials to the School Counselor, must receive all components of the application to be considered.
- The Counseling office will determine if the applicant complies with the criteria to receive the scholarship award and get the applications to the family to make their selection for the

scholarship. Lisa comes from a family with strong educators that are looking forward to reading the applications. The School Counselor will contact the Corning Education Foundation Scholarship Committee to pay the scholarship after the first successful semester of college and enrollment for the second semester is verified.