Since 1998, the Mokena Mayors Charitable Foundation has awarded two $1,000 scholarships to Mokena residents. The scholarship program was initiated by then-Mayor Robert Chiszar in recognition of the distinguished public service of Mayor Ronald J. Grotovsky and Trustee Gary L. Chase. Mayor Chiszar created these scholarships as an acknowledgment of both of these individuals and their ever-lasting contributions to Mokena.

In 2011, after 20 years of faithfully serving the residents of Mokena, Trustee Jane McGinn retired. In honor of her many contributions to the Community and her interest in the welfare of Mokena’s youth, Mayor Joseph Werner established an additional $1,000 annual scholarship in Trustee McGinn’s name. Thanks to these three remarkable individuals, Mokena residents have an opportunity to acquire assistance in their quest for higher education and learning.

Mayor Grotovsky was a passionate leader who genuinely cared about the welfare of the residents of Mokena. As such, he was the driving force in establishing the Mayors Charity Foundation. Thanks to Mayor Ron, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated to local charities and civic organizations which, in turn, have assisted countless Mokena residents. In addition to his humanitarian efforts, Mayor Grotovsky provided unquestionable leadership during a time of unprecedented growth and development in Mokena. As a result of his prudent fiscal management, the Village of Mokena has evolved into a unique community of “Planned Progress, Pleasant Living”.

Trustee Chase served on the Board during a time of rapid growth in the community. Mr. Chase was well-respected among his peers as well as by the entire community. His mild-mannered, friendly demeanor was an asset appreciated by his fellow Board members. In addition to his common sense, Trustee Chase was noted for his humor and respectful manner toward others, especially when opposing viewpoints were being discussed. Trustee Chase wanted the best for Mokena and maintained a tough stance on developers, insisting they adhere to Mokena’s policies and regulations. Although Trustee Chase passed away in 2012, his vision for the future of Mokena lives on.

Trustee McGinn was a dedicated advocate for the youth of our community and encouraged participation in educational opportunities. As Clerk, she was a founding member of the original charter scholarship committee and wholeheartedly accepted the responsibilities and duties this entailed. Throughout her terms as Trustee, she continued to be an active member of the scholarship committee in addition to roles she assumed on other Village matters. While Trustee McGinn possessed an outgoing and enthusiastic personality, she took her responsibilities as an Elected Official seriously. She was well-known throughout the community and was a familiar face at numerous community events. Trustee McGinn’s valuable contributions have helped pave the way for future generations of Mokena residents.

Deadline to apply June 12, 2020
Winners will be notified during the month of July

Village of Mokena, 11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, IL 60448
P: (708) 479-3900 F: (708) 479-4844 E-Mail: administration@mokena.org
First Name: ______________________________________  Last Name: ______________________________________
Home Address: ___________________________________  e-mail:  _________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________________  Date of Birth: _____________________________________
Student I.D. No. __________________________________  Male          Female  
College/University: _________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________________________  Cumulative GPA: ____________
Major/Program: __________________________________

If needed, type the following responses on a separate sheet of paper.

• What are your career goals? __________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________________________________

• What school sponsored and/or community activities have you participated in? _______________________
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• Describe any full/part time employment, including any volunteer work for which you do not earn wages. _______________________
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Eligibility Requirements
• U.S. Citizen
• Live within corporate limits of Mokena
• Minimum GPA of 3.0
• May not be immediate family member of current Village Employee or Elected Official
• Must be enrolled in accredited 2 or 4 year institution within the U.S.
• Major must relate to public service or government

Application Requirements Checklist
☐ Letter of Recommendation sent to: Village of Mokena, 11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, IL 60448, Attn: Scholarship Committee
☐ Essay - 250 words on what way your field of study will benefit the public.
☐ Certified transcript from most recent educational institution
☐ Completed application

I certify that the information provided herein is true; that I meet all eligibility requirements stated above. I give the Village of Mokena permission to use my name and photo for publicity should I be the recipient of the scholarship award.

Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: _________________________________________