

PONCA COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 568  
PONCA, NEBRASKA 68770

**SAMPLE:  
ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

AWARD GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

NAME OF AWARD Fern Mendenhall Endowment

TYPE: Endowment X or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

USE: Scholarship X Special Use \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF DONOR(S) Fern Mendenhall

Contact Person: Fern Mendenhall Phone 755-2665

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Ponca State NE Zip 68770

DATE ESTABLISHED 12-2-93 Initial Amount \$ 2,000.00

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1. If this is an endowment, will additional contributions be made in the future? If so, please describe.

2. If this is a cash scholarship, do you intend to give it annually?

3. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We cannot discriminate on grounds of race, religion, sex or national origin. Aside from this, are there rules or guidelines you wish to establish for the selection or use of your award? If so, describe them.

4. Are there any special features, or conditions, you would like the Foundation to follow regarding your award? If so, please describe.

Applicant should be pursuing a field or an elementary education teacher. psychology or music - if no ele. ed; NO sports!

5. What do you wish the Foundation to do with the annual money available, should no one qualify under the guidelines established?

X General Scholarship Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund  
X Hold over to next year \_\_\_\_\_ Move interest to endowed principal

12-2-93  
Date

[Signature]  
Signature of Donor

Date of review by Guidelines and Acceptance Committee

Date Accepted 1/2/94 [Signature]  
Signature of Committee Chairman

## FERN MENDENHALL

Miss Mendenhall, as she was known by the students of Ponca, taught in the elementary school for over 40 years. (1934-1977) She was born on March 21, 1913 in Litchfield, Nebraska to her parents, Ivan and Lena Mendenhall and for the past ten years has resided at Pioneer Square in Ponca.

After attending a rural school for one year she completed her education in Ponca where she graduated in 1930 at the age of 17. She continued her education at Wayne State Teachers College and after one year began teaching in Ponca and later completed her bachelors degree in 1960. Fern stated emphatically , I got \$60/mo. the first year!

Ask any student who had her as a teacher and they will respectfully remember her as demanding that they could name all the states and their capitols before the end of each year. In addition they could stand up and recite the poem, Trees by Joyce Kilmer, without hesitation. Many students will quickly say that she was the "Best Teacher" they every had in school.

Students of Ponca will continue to gratefully remember Miss Mendenhall by receiving scholarship monies from an endowment she established with the Ponca Community Educational Foundation in 1993.

Her favorite,

### TREES

by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.