

ELLSWORTH AND NELLIE LEHMAN COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Ellsworth and Nellie Lehman History

Clyde Ellsworth Lehman, son of Theodore and Grace Lehman, was born August 22, 1927, in Sullivan, Illinois. He went to school in Sullivan from 1st grade through 12th grade and graduated from Sullivan High School in 1945.

Nellie Ruth Malloy Lehman, daughter of Walter and Gladys Malloy, was born November 23, 1928 in Sullivan, Illinois. She went to a country school from 1st grade through 7th grade, then came to school in Sullivan from 8th grade through 12th grade and graduated from Sullivan High School in 1946.

In 1947, Ellsworth married Nellie Malloy. Together they raised six children, all of whom graduated from Sullivan High School (Kyle '72, Kathy (Booker) '73, Trudy (Andsager) '76, Chriss (Garde) '78, Todd '80, and Jamie '82). Each went on to further their education earning college degrees in accounting, nursing, teaching, computer science, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

Ellsworth learned at a very young age how to deal with life's hardships. He lost his father when he was only four years old and his mother died when he was a sophomore at SHS. Finding himself on his own and with little means of support, Ellsworth began his working career at age 14. His grocery career began in 1941 at Hankla's Grocery and later with Crowder's Grocery. He then joined Eisner Food Store. Through his hard work and determination, he became manager in 1952. In 1960, he ventured out on his own and partnered with Burl Jividen to purchase a small IGA grocery store on the corner of Jackson and Hamilton streets in Sullivan (site of the current day Hardee's). Continued growth led to an expansion of the business and the store moved two blocks east on Jackson Street. In 1989, the new store was opened at its present day location on Hamilton Street. After retirement, he later sold the store in 1992. You will recognize it today as Jerry's IGA. Ellsworth was an integral part of the Sullivan community. In addition to owning one of Sullivan's main businesses, he also served the town as Sullivan's mayor from 1967 to 1971. By being one of the largest employers in town, he touched the lives of many Sullivan youth. Because of his honesty and fairness, Ellsworth was an excellent role model for these young men and women. Ellsworth's lifelong commitment and dedication to the town of Sullivan was recognized when he was honored with the "Who's Who" award at Sullivan's homecoming in 1987.

Nellie was also very involved in the Sullivan community. Besides being a wonderful mother to her six children, she volunteered in many aspects of the community such as Girl Scout leader, softball coach, and Sunday School teacher to name a few. After her children were grown and the new IGA was built, she worked for many years in the bakery and decorated the specialty cakes. She was always very active in the Sullivan United Methodist Church. She served on many committees and was a big force behind getting the new addition built at the current church location. She had a vision for the future and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She touched many lives and was an incredible role model with her gentle nature and unselfish ways. She always had a smile for everyone. Ellsworth and Nellie passed away in 1995 and 2010, respectively. Through the generosity of their family, the Ellsworth and Nellie Lehman Collegiate Scholarship was established to honor their lives and their contributions to the town of Sullivan.

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Eligibility

- Student must be a current year Sullivan High School Graduate.
- Student must have good character and high personal integrity, as verified by the high school principal.
- Student must have a minimum of a 3.00 grade point average.
- Student must enroll in a two-year junior college/trade school or a four-year college/university. (Indicate future plans after high school.)
- After student is selected for nomination, the student must complete a 300-500 word essay on his/her **Future Goals**.

Criteria

- Preference will be given to students who exhibit the highest level of community service to the Sullivan area.

Selection

- If no student is determined to be acceptable of the scholarship based upon the above criteria, the award may not be given.
- Representatives of the Lehman family and the high school principal will comprise the selection committee.
- The criteria for awarding this scholarship should be reviewed on a yearly basis.

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Nominee Form

Name _____

G.P.A. _____ Class Rank _____

Extra-curricular activities and years in which you have participated in (for example, Student Council, Scholastic Bowl, etc...)

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Services activities (for example, Boy Scouts, Service Learning Program, Mentoring, Church, Volunteer, etc...)

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What college have you enrolled in?

What career are you planning to pursue?

REMINDER: Please attach your essay to this application!