

**Herluf and Vashti Christensen Memorial Scholarship
Harold, Irma, and Shari Neumann Memorial Scholarship**

Administered by
Underwood Lutheran Church
Administrative Guidelines

Title: The scholarships will be known as the Herluf and Vashti Christensen Memorial Scholarship and the Harold, Irma, and Shari Neumann Memorial Scholarship.

Purpose: The purpose of these scholarships is to give financial aid and recognition to members of Underwood Lutheran Church who have shown significant academic and other constructive accomplishment and wish to pursue further education.

Administration: These scholarships function through a committee and its members are volunteers who are members of Underwood Lutheran Church.

Benefits and Funds: The Christensen Scholarship derives its funding from Christensen family donations memorializing Herluf and Vashti Christensen. This scholarship is designed to continue in perpetuity of earnings of supporting funds held by Thrivent and owned by Underwood Lutheran Church. This scholarship will have an anticipated annual award of \$500. If necessary, any decisions of the final disposition of supporting funds will be made by the Underwood Lutheran Church Council on behalf of Underwood Lutheran Church, owner of the fund.

The Neumann Scholarship will derive its funding from the proceeds of the Neumann farm bequeathed to the church. The number of scholarships awarded each year is determined by the scholarship committee. The total awarded annual amount of these scholarships is determined with guidance from the church council and church membership. If necessary, any decisions as to the final disposition of any supporting funds will be made by the Underwood Lutheran Church Council.

Application Forms: Applications will be available through the Underwood Lutheran Church office or online on the church website (www.underwoodlutheranchurch.org). Log onto the website, click More in the upper left hand corner and then click Church Scholarship Information to print off an application.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted to the church office by April 1 for award announcement in May.

Eligibility: The scholarships do require that a recipient has completed confirmation training in the Lutheran faith, has been a member of Underwood Lutheran Church for two or more years, and has earned a diploma from a public, parochial, or not-for-profit high school. Any current college student who will still be attending college the next year is also eligible to apply.

Interview: Although not a requirement for application, an interview may be requested by the scholarship committee.

Award: The scholarship recipients will be announced in May and presented by scholarship committee members or a designee of the church council.

Disbursement: The scholarship monies will be paid to the recipients on presentation to the scholarship committee of grades from the student's Fall semester; provided the student has a 2.5 GPA or higher for that fall semester. If the GPA for the fall semester is below 2.5, the student can receive the money by achieving a 2.5

GPA or higher for the Spring semester. The grade report must be a printed grade report from the school being attended and you must be a full-time student at the school you are attending (12 semester hours or more). The grade report can be submitted to the church secretary's office to be forwarded to the scholarship committee.

Utilization: The scholarship may be used for education in any profession chosen by the recipient in attending any post high school educational entity which is supported by public taxes, a church denomination, or private endowment.

Expenses: At the discretion of the scholarship committee and church council, costs connected with the awarding of these scholarships may be paid from the scholarship funds.

Rules: Except as hereinbefore limited, the committee, by approval of the church council, will make any other rules and arrangements deemed advisable for providing maximum and fair student benefit from these scholarships.

Authority: Decisions made by the committee with respect to the applications and awards will be final and not subject to any review other than the committee's own.

Reapplication: Applicants are eligible to win one scholarship from Underwood Lutheran Church. Those who do not receive a scholarship may reapply in subsequent years by providing an updated application.

SPIRIT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

THE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

Herluf and Vashti Christensen were married on December 27, 1941 and were active members of Underwood Lutheran Church for many, many years. Vashti played the organ and piano for church services and they both sang in the church choir and served in several capacities at the church.

Vashti was born in Flaxton, North Dakota on March 1, 1917. She graduated from Audubon, Iowa high school, attended Dana College, and graduated from Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, NE in 1939. Vashti had a professional career that encompassed general nursing, critical care nursing, and nursing education. She was a professor emeritus at Iowa Western Community College.

Herluf was born in Audubon, Iowa on September 23, 1916. He also graduated from Audubon, Iowa high School and attended Dana College. He also attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and Iowa State University to complete Bachelor's degrees in Biology and English and Master's degrees in public school administration. Herluf had a professional career as a public school educator and served at several schools throughout his career.

Their love of medicine, education, and the Lutheran faith is their heritage to their three children and heirs-all of whom are involved in medicine, education, or service to the church.

It is in honor of their dedication to serve others and to the Lutheran faith that this scholarship is memorialized.

THE NEUMANN FAMILY

Harold Neumann was born in Ute, Iowa on April 6, 1927. Harold served his country in the U.S. Army; including the Korean War for 1 year. He was a member of American Legion Post #330 in Neola and a charter member of the Underwood Optimist Club. He also enjoyed music and attending the opera.

Irma Geise Neumann was born on September 21, 1927 in Kohlstadt, Germany. She came to America in 1938 with her parents and two sisters and they settled in the Underwood Area. She graduated from Underwood high school in 1947. She went to work for her sister in Schleswig, Iowa and met Harold there. They were married there on July 22, 1951.

They began farming near Soldier, Iowa starting in 1952 and moved to the Underwood, Iowa area in 1955 and continued to farm until their retirement in 1995. They raised cattle and hogs along with grain farming and worked side by side during their farming years. Irma learned to drive a tractor, was an excellent cook, and loved flowers and a garden.

They joined Underwood Lutheran church in 1955 and were active there the rest of their lives. They had no children but had five godchildren and were interested in all of them going to college.

Irma passed away on December 11, 1999. It was while attending an opera in Omaha that Harold met Shari Gillain.

Shari was born on December 4, 1935 in Des Moines. She grew up in the Panora, IA area. She and her first husband, Thomas Gillian, worked and traveled with a carnival for several years and worked for the Pinkerton Agency. Shari collected all kinds of clowns and also played the part of a clown herself for various events. She also collected musical Christmas toys and displayed them in her home during the holidays.

After her husband Thomas passed away, she met Harold while attending the opera. They were married and lived in Underwood until Harold became ill. He passed away on November 27, 2008 at Bethany Lutheran Home. Shari moved to Omaha and passed away on July 11, 2012.

Relatives who are members of Underwood Lutheran Church feel that Harold, Irma, and Shari would be very proud to have scholarships given in their names as they felt education was important for all children. All three, based on their wonderful gift, must have loved God and Underwood Lutheran Church.