

SELECTION AND AWARDS

The Mother Moon Service Scholarship committee will review all applications.

It is intended that the selection process will be completed and an award will be given to one junior student representing each of the accredited high schools in Black Hawk County by May.



Ike and Emille Leighty with a Mother Moon Scholarship recipient.

Awards will be \$500 each, and the recipients will be recognized at the Mayor's Top Teen Awards Ceremony held in April of each year.

The \$500 awards will be held in a trust until the student graduates from high school and is registered at an accredited institution of higher education. Recipients will be required to serve on a committee to promote volunteerism and the scholarship itself during their senior year.



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Mother Moon

SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



"A life of service is one of immeasurable impact. We have all been blessed with "Mother Moons" in our lives. They leave us a powerful legacy and a wonderful model of a life well-lived. We can never repay that which has been given to us by those who love us; we can only pass it on."

-Jane Leighty Justis

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that values and habits are formed at an early age, and that each one of us must be a trustee of our community. As a trustee, we are responsible for leaving the community in better condition than we found it.

OUR PURPOSE

The Mother Moon Service Scholarship Fund awards student scholarships for community service in recognition of Sadie “Mother” Moon and countless others like her who have focused their lives on serving others. Students are often recognized for academic and extra-curricular activities, but gifts of service too often go unrewarded. The Mother Moon Service Scholarship seeks to recognize those who, at an early age, have discovered the rewards of service and provides them with assistance to advance their education beyond high school.

HISTORY

In the spring of 1991, Jane Leighty Justis approached the family of Sadie Moon with a rather unusual request: to create a scholarship in their mother’s name. Jane and her family wanted to offer a scholarship at their local high school in Manitou Springs, Colorado to recognize individuals who quietly serve others.

Jane’s father, H.D. (Ike) Leighty, was influenced greatly by Mother Moon when he was a boy living in her home town of Macomb, Illinois. He describes Mother Moon as a wonderful example of someone who quietly served others in need. The scholarship was offered for the first time at Manitou Springs High School in 1991. Mother Moon Service Scholarships have also been offered in her hometown of Macomb, Illinois, and in the Cedar Valley Area of Iowa since 1994.

WHO WAS SADIE “MOTHER” MOON?



Mother Moon, as she was called by all who knew her, was born in 1880 and died in 1956. She lived most of her life in Macomb, Illinois, but her impact on the lives of others reached far beyond this little town. She raised 10 children of her own in addition to many others who felt that she had been like a mother to them. One man who grew up as one of her extra children said, “God used Mother Moon to put His arms around a lot of people.” Many lives were shaped and enriched by her quiet heart. Hers was truly a successful life.

MISSION

The mission of the Mother Moon Service Scholarship is to encourage and set a standard for individuals to give freely of their time and talent in service to others in their community.



Ike Leighty with 2011 Mother Moon Service Scholarship Recipients

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

To be eligible for the Mother Moon Service Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a Junior at one of the accredited high school in Black Hawk County.
- Plan to attend an accredited public or private University, College, Vocational Technical school, or other post-secondary institution upon graduation from high school.
- Be a good example and a role model for others.
- Demonstrate an attitude of sharing and caring by giving freely of their time and talent in service to others in their community.
- Have contributed at least 100 hours of service to their community within a 12 month period.

TO APPLY:

Fill out the enclosed application form and send it with two letters of recommendation and one typewritten page addressing the following topic:

Describe an experience(s) in which you gave freely of your time and talent in service to another. What made it significant to you? What did you learn from the experience that might help you to encourage other students to serve?

Application deadline is in March of each year. Send application, or refer questions to:

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