February 3, 2020

Dear School Administrator:

The Siouxland Officials Association is again sponsoring up to five (5) $750 scholarships to graduating seniors of the Class of 2020. These Seniors should be leaders in their class as it relates to great sportsmanship on and off the playing field. This will be the 18th year that our organization has sponsored this scholarship program and we have given over $31,500 in scholarships in that time period. We will award these scholarships to both female and male qualifying student athletes.

Enclosed is the criteria and nomination form. Please feel free to make copies and give to your fellow administrators, guidance counselors, coaches, activity sponsors and other faculty members so they have the opportunity to get these to qualifying student athletes. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted from each school.

The deadline to submit the applications is Friday, March 27, 2020. Applications may be submitted by e-mail or through postal service. The chosen participants will be recognized in the newspaper media and at their local schools’ awards assemblies. In addition, the participants and their parents will be invited to attend the Siouxland Officials Association’s Annual Banquet on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at the Willow Creek Golf Club, LeMars, Iowa.

Thank you in advance for the part you play in promoting excellent sportsmanship in the Siouxland area. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at the information listed below. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
Siouxland Sportsmanship Scholarship

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The Siouxland Officials Association (SOA) is sponsoring the Siouxland Sportsmanship Scholarships again this year for the 18th year with over $31,500 given so far. This is our means of being proactive in the support of high school students that excel in the exhibition of great sportsmanship at their respective high schools.

The SOA will be awarding up to five (5) $750 scholarships for male and female participants. (SOA reserves the right to the number and amount of awards given each year.)

The criteria for the scholarships are as follows:

1. Must be a senior at a school district within 75 mile radius of Sioux City.
2. Must participate in at least one sport for at least three years of their high school career, including their senior year.
3. Must have a 3.00 cumulative GPA average at the time of application. (A copy of their transcripts must accompany the application.)
4. Participant shall exhibit outstanding character, be a total team player, demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship during their career and serve as a role model for all students at their high school.
5. Must have applied at a qualified post secondary educational institution (community colleges are acceptable) for the 2020-2021 academic year. Payment will be made to the student and will not affect their other scholarship opportunities.
6. Applications must have two letters of reference. These reference letters can come from any coach, school administrator (superintendent, principal, activities director, guidance counselor) or faculty member. The reference letters must include information that exemplifies the qualities of the nominated student necessary to be a leader in great sportsmanship.
7. Student must attach a 150-200 word essay of their understanding of what it takes to exemplify good sportsmanship. Please try to be original and include some actions or words that demonstrating great sportsmanship.
8. Complete this application by Friday, March 27, 2020 and send or e-mail to:
   Kevin R. Eekhoff
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Notification will be made to the awarded participants by Friday, April 24, 2020.
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Nomination Application

Participant Name:________________________________________________________
Participant Mailing Address:_______________________________________________
City, State, Zip:___________________________________________________________
Home Phone:_______________________ Cell Phone:___________________________
School District, City:_____________________________________________________

Sport(s) participated in during high school (please note the year of sport(s) participated in including senior year):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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Other community activities involved in:
________________________________________________________________________
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College or post-secondary educational institution(s) applied at and focus of studies:
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Students Signature:________________________________________, Date__________

NOTE: The Siouxland Officials Association reserves the right to not award these scholarships and reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

Questions: E-mail Kevin Eekhoff at keekhoff@bank-northwest.com or (712) 548-2722.

Please remember the following: 1.) Student essay, 2.) High school transcript, 3.) Two reference letters.