Kenneth Reed Memorial 4-H Scholarship

# About Kenny Reed

Kenny Reed first came to Gage County in 1938, working for the State Extension Service. In 1941, Gage County put the Extension Service on the ballot and Kenny started as a Gage County Extension Agent in January of 1942. His Extension programs were one of the motivating forces that started the strong soil conservation movement in Gage County. Gage County today has a continuing tradition of action in soil and water conservation activities. Gage County did not have a dairy industry until Kenny Reed’s 4-H Dairy Calf program began a tradition of herd development and herd improvement.

When Kenny left Extension, he became the agricultural editor for a local newspaper and worked for Aller and Pease Elevator for several years before starting his own agricultural supply business known as Ken Reed’s, Inc. Kenny was a trusted farm advisor on land purchases, herbicides, insecticides, equipment purchases, and legal issues. He was a listener, a person who was caring, confidential, and non-judgmental. More than a few farmers owe a portion of their operations to the help they acquired while sitting on a seed barrel at Kenny’s business.

This $500.00 scholarship will be awarded to an agricultural student at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln or the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – Curtis. Made possible by donations from his family and friends, it is dedicated to the integrity and helping spirit of Kenny Reed. Kenny passed away in 2011 at 102 years old. Ken’s close friend, John Rhodes, managed the scholarship for many years, and today, it is overseen by the Gage County 4-H Council.

# Scholarship eligibility

This scholarship is open to applicants from the following area schools:

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| Beatrice High School | Southern High School |
| Diller-Odell High School | Tri-County High School |
| Freeman High School | Homeschoolers (Gage County) |

Applicants should have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on the 4-point scale. The scholarship is open to high school seniors planning to attend the University of Nebraska – Lincoln or the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – Curtis for students majoring in agricultural studies.

One $500.00 scholarship will be paid directly to the school and can be used for all school-related expenses, including tuition, room and board, fees, and textbooks.

# Scholarship Application

The application deadline is March 15, 11:59 p.m. The application will be completed via the online form accessed at: <https://go.unl.edu/25reed_scholarship>

\*\*\* We use JotForm for this application – it will let you save your form and come back. However, we recommend having all of the components (i.e. Essay & Letter of Recommendation) ready when you begin the application process.

The application consists of three parts:

* General Applicant Information:
	+ Basic Contact Information
	+ Academics (i.e., GPA, Schools you’re applying, Majors you’re considering, need for scholarship)
	+ School/Community Activities/Work Experience/Sports/Awards/Etc.
* Essay:
	+ Not more than 2 pages, double spaced, 12 pt. font
	+ Must be saved as a word document or .pdf – will be uploaded onto the online form
	+ Save the file in the following format: 25-Last First Ken Reed Scholarship Essay (for example: 25-Washington George Ken Reed Scholarship Essay)
	+ The essay should deal with your personal and academic goals.
	+ Note: make sure to include a clear path from your intended major to the agriculture field – this is what the scholarship committee uses to determine your eligibility
* Letter of Recommendation:
	+ From a person of your choice
	+ Must be saved as a word document or .pdf – will be uploaded onto the online form
	+ Save the file in the following format: 25-Last First Ken Reed Scholarship LOR (for example: 25-Washington George Ken Reed Scholarship LOR).

# Contact information

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