

The Helen Werner Anderson Memorial Scholarship



Mrs. Helen Werner Anderson was born in 1914 on the Werner farm on Mars-Evans City Rd. The farm is still in the family, after over 150 years. Helen attended Forsythe School (the one room schoolhouse now located at Adams Township Park). She married Robert Anderson and had five children. Robert died at the age of 52 as the result of a farm accident, leaving Helen pregnant, with four other kids to raise, feed, and educate. She did it all! Helen was many things to many people- a mother, wife, aunt, sister, and active community member. Helen was the perfect example of a matriarch who pulled everyone together.

To support her family Helen took a job as the head cafeteria cook for \$5 an hour at the NEW Adams Twp. consolidated school in 1951. When the NEW and current Mars High School was opened, she was promoted there as head cook and cafeteria supervisor. Helen was adored by the staff and children alike and managed to know everyone's name. Helen genuinely cared about people and their lives. Helen's dedication to her job and family could be noted in the way she drove her children to school every day, stopping along the way to purchase needed items for school lunches from other local farmers. Helen was dedicated to ensuring all the children in Mars were fed a healthy meal! When time allowed it, Helen would make special items for the students to celebrate holidays.

Helen's five children all graduated from Mars High School, went on to college, finishing with Bachelors, Masters and some with PhD degrees. Head cook and HEAD educator and HEAD mother, the best at all, in her quiet, loving way! YOU can do it too. Be the BEST. Be KIND, SMILING, LOVING, GREAT!

Purpose:

The purpose of the Helen Werner Anderson scholarship is to honor hard-working college-bound students by helping them to get started towards a college degree. The \$2000, one year renewable scholarship, for one more year, can help you get started, then YOU take over and finish! Be a Helen! Do it!

Criteria:

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1. You must be a senior at Mars High School with a gpa of 3.0 or higher to apply.
2. You must be accepted or enrolled for the upcoming school year in a technical school, community college or four year college or university. Please submit proof of acceptance with your application.
3. Preference will be given to a student who is first in their immediate family to attend college or apply to formal post-high school education.
4. Submit an essay detailing how you will use your energy and drive to mimic Helen Anderson.

Submission of Application:

- Applications are to be submitted to the Mars Area School District High School Guidance Office.
- Scholarships will be formally awarded at the Mars Area High School Academic Excellence and Awards Banquet.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact the Mars Area School District Senior High School Guidance Counselor. Best of luck!