

Dr. Allen and Donna Kaalaas Memorial Scholarship in Memory of Vincent O. Green

A scholarship award of \$1000 is given in memory of Vincent O. Green, a longtime family friend of Dr. Allen and Donna Kaalaas. Page two of this document provides information about the Mr. Green. This scholarship shall be used to provide assistance for tuition and textbooks to students who have graduated from Hiawatha High School and will be pursuing a career in agriculture or business accounting.

A check for the scholarship amount of \$1000 will be sent presented directly to the student.

Qualifications for the scholarship are:

1. Must be a Hiawatha High School Graduating Senior
2. Must be accepted at a qualified institution of higher learning.
3. College, vocational, or technical curriculum must be in agriculture or business accounting.
4. Financial need is considered.
5. Character is considered.
6. If circumstances warrant, a student's desire or potential for success will be considered as or more important than grades.
7. Students interested in applying for this scholarship will need to complete the application below, along with an essay, typewritten and double-spaced, demonstrating how they fulfill the criteria as outlined.

Dr. Allen and Donna Kaalaas Memorial Scholarship in Memory of Vincent O. Green Application

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Parents Name _____

List colleges, vocational, or technical schools to which you have applied and/or accepted.

Please provide and attach a typewritten, double-spaced essay describing how you meet the criteria of this scholarship, which include but are not limited to character, financial need and desire for the opportunity to pursue a career in agriculture or business accounting.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this application form to your counselor by

Thursday, March 1st, 2018.

About Vincent O. Green

Vincent O. Greene was a private, well-educated and well-read man. Unmarried, he was a longtime friend of the Kaalaas family. He passed away in May of 2015.

Mr. Green followed his father and brothers to the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a degree in Accountancy in 1943. He had a lengthy career as an accountant at the University of Illinois beginning in 1952 with the Auditing Division and retiring in 1982 from the Office of Budgeting and Planning. He lived modestly, and had been generous to many people over his lifetime. Friends recall him as very outgoing, never knew a stranger, and would stop and talk to anybody.

A close friend of the Kaalaas family, he would often visit the Kaalaas farm from his home in Urbana, IL. Mr. Green met Allen Kaalaas at the University of Illinois, and he was Godfather to their son, Roger Kaalaas. Mr. Green and the Kaalaas family fell out of contact until the 1980s, when they reconnected, and Mr. Green would again visit for a few days during the summer at the Kaalaas farm on Quarry Road in Kirkland. Mr. Green was always well informed, and he and Dr. Kaalaas would discuss all the issues of the day during his visits.

Mr. Greene never married, had no children upon his death. However, his generosity knew no bounds, and he established many scholarships in this will. In addition to his bequest to the Dr. Allen and Donna Kaalaas Memorial Scholarship, Mr. Green left monies to scholarship funds at the University of Illinois colleges of Agriculture, Education and Business; to the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation; the Parkland College Foundation; the Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation; the High School of St. Thomas More; the Clinton school district (Mr. Greene grew up in Wapella); the Illinois Agriculture Association Foundation; the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club; the Urbana Park District; the Urbana school district and the Champaign school district.

"He wanted to put his focus on helping kids get an education. So I would say that he wanted his attention and his funds to help kids grow," says his lawyer. "He was concerned about the average good kid who was a good student, (and had) leadership, community involvement." Mr. Green enjoyed helping young people with their educational expenses and took great pleasure in visiting with them and offering advice.

Mr. Greene had macular degeneration but he used the library in Urbana every single day well into his 80s," a friend said. " He would walk up there and read his Wall Street Journal and any other financial publications. And he'd visit with the people he called the regulars."

"He was a very generous person. If you needed help, you got it," said a close friend of Mr. Green upon his death. "How far and wide his gifts will ripple over the years is beyond our ability to see."