

The Gilbert Verkamp Mentors for Youth of Dubois County Scholarship

Mentors for Youth has been successful in matching children and providing them with positive role models. We have been an integral part in the development of many children. However, an individual's development does not stop at the end of high school. These children are often faced with an option of getting a job or earning a degree. Additional schooling is an alternative which may sound attractive but not be affordable. Thus, we, believe we could provide an additional service to the children of our community by offering a college scholarship.

Gilbert Verkamp has been a strong supporter of Mentors for Youth over the years both personally and as a CEO of Aristokraft. He retired from Aristokraft in 2000. Customers and employees wanted to recognize Gib for his year of dedicated service to the company and to them. The everlasting gift was the creation of an endowed scholarship fund in Gib's name that was funded by Aristokraft employees and customer gifts.

The scholarship will be awarded annually by Mentors for Youth, using the following guidelines:

Scholarship Recipient Requirements:

1. Enrolled in Mentors for Youth as a youth for at least one year.
2. A graduate from any Dubois County High School.
3. Furthering their education at a 2 or 4 year school of higher education, in or out of state. This includes technical schools.
4. Maintained at least a 2.5 GPA in high school.
5. Maintained solid citizenship at school and within the community.

Scholarship Amount:

The number and amount of the scholarship(s) can be determined annually by the amount of return we receive from the investment.

Funding:

All funds collected will be invested through the Dubois County Foundation according to their best practices.

Process:

The Common Application Form must be postmarked by April 1 and sent to Mentors for Youth, 505 W 5th St., Jasper, IN 47546. The Mentors for Youth Program Committee will select the recipient from all qualified applicants. Internal selection guidelines will be established for determining the recipient.

Mentors for Youth of Dubois County
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