

# KOHLER FOUNDATION, INC.

## Herbert V. Kohler Scholarship

### **Selection Process**

Since 1969, the Kohler Foundation has been awarding the Herbert V. Kohler Scholarship to truly **exceptional** Sheboygan County students. In 1994, the selection procedures were revised to incorporate a **faculty selection committee** at each eligible high school. The Foundation's intent is that this selection committee will review submitted applications and choose the candidate who demonstrates the **strongest leadership abilities**, regardless of their status as a top academic achiever. Scholarship is important with this award, but by no means is it the most important factor in the selection of the Herbert V. Kohler Scholarship recipient. **This is a leadership award.** The Foundation encourages faculty to nominate a candidate who **will make a difference** in the world wherever s/he goes --- a person who has demonstrated the *ability to lead others, to go against the grain, to break new ground.* **Help us select the most exemplary leader**, irrespective of Valedictorian status. **Please submit all nomination materials by March 1** (\*Note earlier date\*).

### **Selection Criteria**

The Kohler Foundation is seeking **truly unique individuals**. A review of past recipients reveals no overarching pattern; each recipient was selected because s/he was special.

The Herbert V. Kohler Scholarship is primarily a leadership award. Recipients must be able scholars of course, but beyond that, they must be motivated to become leaders in their chosen fields. They must be **people who want to do more, to contribute more**. They must be people who have enough imagination to aspire and dream and yet enough common sense to plan realistically.

The Kohler Foundation believes that an individual can still make a difference in the world and is seeking those who really want to try --- *by discovering new methods, by writing, by involvement in social action, by being among the best in whatever they choose to do.*

The HVK Scholarship carries with it a significant financial award (\$80,000 for a private college, \$40,000 for public). Therefore, the Kohler Foundation feels that the selection of a post-secondary institution is important. Serious candidates select their school and make their educational plans carefully and thoughtfully --- and are able to explain their reasoning.

The Kohler Foundation is looking for young people who are very ambitious, in a constructive way. We seek recipients who intend to use their talents not just to make a good living, but **to make a better life for others**.

### **Contents of the HVK Application Packet:**

- 1. Selection Criteria**
- 2. Candidate Selection & Submission Procedures**
- 3. Faculty Recommendation Form**
- 4. Award Night Information Form**
- 5. Student Application & Essay Question**

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## Candidate Selection & Submission Procedures

1. Organize a faculty selection committee of at least three school personnel to review applications
2. Distribute the application form and/or publicize the availability of the scholarship to at least:
  - a. The academic top 5% of the graduating class, or
  - b. The top 5 students in the graduating class (whichever is larger)
3. The faculty selection committee should review all submitted applications and essays and send their candidate recommendation to the Kohler Foundation by **March 1** of each academic year.

The candidate's materials should be submitted to the Kohler Foundation in a complete, paper-clipped packet, organized in the following order:

- a. Student Application
  - b. Activities List/Leadership Roles
  - c. Honors/Achievements/Employment
  - d. Professional Goals
  - e. Response to Worldview Question
  - f. Response to Essay Question
  - g. Faculty Recommendation (brief statement from School Principal, Guidance Counselor and/or Teacher)
  - h. School Transcript
  - i. Completed Award Night Information Form (including dates, directions, etc.)
4. The Kohler Foundation's own Scholarship Committee will then review all twelve Sheboygan County HVK recommended candidates, and choose several finalists to be interviewed.
  5. The Kohler Foundation will inform the guidance counselors if their candidate has been selected for an interview, and/or chosen to receive the award.



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## Award Night Information Form

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Scholarship Award Presentation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Scholarship Award Presentation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Scholarship Award Presentation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Kohler Foundation requests that the presentation of the HVK and/or RDK Scholarship be a complete surprise for school personnel as well as the recipient. Please include specific directions for the HVK and/or RDK Scholarship Presentation below.

Building/Room location: \_\_\_\_\_

Building entry door for Mr. Herbert V. Kohler, Jr. and/or Ruth DeYoung Kohler: (Where s/he will be unseen by others, if possible)

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Room where Mr. Kohler and/or Ms. Kohler can wait for presentation (unseen by others):

\_\_\_\_\_

Time of HVK/RDK presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Student Application & Essay Question**

Name (First, Middle Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College Choice(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Probable College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Probable Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) #1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is s/he still living? \_\_\_\_\_ Highest degree or grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) #2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is s/he still living? \_\_\_\_\_ Highest degree or grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters

Sibling Names & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest degree or grade completed by each sibling: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's College Board Score (SAT): \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Total

National SAT Percentile: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Math

American College Testing Program Score (ACT): \_\_\_ English \_\_\_ Math \_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_ Science \_\_\_ Comp.

National ACT Percentile: \_\_\_ English \_\_\_ Math \_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_ Science \_\_\_ Total U.S.

Grade Point Average (Example: 3.0 on a 4.0 Scale): \_\_\_ Total (cumulative, all subjects) on a \_\_\_ scale

Grade Point Average – College Preparatory Subjects: \_\_\_ Total on a \_\_\_ scale

Rank in Class: \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ total students in class





