

# *Lourene Pilgram Memorial Scholarship Fund*

**Purpose:** This fund was established in memory of Lourene Pilgram by her family to provide academic scholarships to female graduating seniors of Buchanan or DeKalb Counties, MO intending to pursue a degree in public service.

**Criteria:** To be eligible for the scholarship, you must meet the following:

Students must be female graduating seniors of a public high school in Buchanan and DeKalb Counties in MO.

Students must be pursuing a major in public service including Education, Journalism, Health Safety, Healthcare (EMT and Nursing), Environmental Safety, Occupational Safety, Social Work, Public Policy, Women Gender Studies, Family & Child Science, Urban Planning, Non-Profit Management, Peace & Conflict Studies, and Psychology/Sociology through a 2 or 4 year college/university.

Consideration will be given to students from lower income households and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Students must have a record of good character, work ethic, and concern for others. Provide 2-3 reference letters.

Submit the following essay (500-1200 words):

“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us...The Gospel takes away our right forever, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.” **Dorothy Day**

*Reflect on this excerpt from activist, Dorothy Day. Why is a revolution of the heart essential to serve the poor?*

Provide examples, antidotes, evidence, and ideas you have about the best way to serve the poor here or abroad. Feel free to propose and defend preferred policy prescriptions, new laws, or programs that you believe will promote the social welfare of the poor.

**Guidelines:** Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and disbursed in August.

**Amount:** Two non-renewable awards of \$1,000 and one non-renewable award of \$500 per year.

**Deadline:** March 1

**Please apply through Scholar-Link:**

[www.cfnwmo.org](http://www.cfnwmo.org)

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