

# Beulah Voigt Memorial Scholarship

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Peotone businesswoman Beulah Voigt came of age at a time when college educations were not the norm for young Americans. As a young woman during the Great Depression, Mrs. Voigt had to focus on earning a living wage and contributing to her family's income rather than seeking an advanced education.

Mrs. Voigt was born Beulah Charlotte Piper in 1914, and she married a local farmer named Harry Voigt in 1935. They worked hard, farming and raising their children in post-WWII America. Mrs. Voigt maintained their farm home in Will County, worked in the restaurant industry, and ultimately owned award-winning restaurant and catering businesses in Peotone.

Mrs. Voigt led a long life filled with great joy as well as great tragedy. Through it all she raised her children to know the value of hard work, and their lives became successful because of it. By the time Beulah Voigt's grandchildren finished high school, she had made it clear to them that they would be given the opportunity to attend college. Her determination, generosity, and strong work ethic are all part of the legacy that she left to future generations upon her death in 1994. This scholarship has been established in her name to honor that legacy and to contribute to the community she called home for much of her life.

The Beulah Voigt Memorial Scholarship recipient will:

- be a graduating senior from Peotone High School
- rank in the top half of the graduating class
- attend an accredited college, university, or community college in the summer or fall following graduation
- be a well-rounded student having attained both academic and extracurricular recognition during high school
- exhibit high moral character and a strong work ethic

The winner of the \$500 scholarship will be announced on Awards Night at Peotone High School, May 1, 2019. The winner will receive a check payable to the college he or she will be attending.

Note: Relatives of Mrs. Beulah Voigt are not eligible to apply for the Beulah Voigt Memorial Scholarship.

***Please complete the attached application and submit to the Peotone High School Student Services office by March 9, 2021.***



