

News from Genoa Main Street



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\$1,000 Offered

Record 32 Students Vie for Main Street Scholarship

A total of 32 Genoa-Kingston High School seniors have “thrown their hats into the ring” seeking votes to capture a scholarship worth \$1,000 sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and 19 participating Genoa businesses.

“Thanks to the generosity and community spirit of the participating sponsors, the student garnering the most votes will receive a \$1,000 scholarship,” said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street, Inc. executive director.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer the scholarship again this year,” she said. “Just as gratifying, is that we have a record 32 applicants this year.”

This is the fourth year the Genoa Main Street scholarship is being offered.

The scholarship program is designed to encourage local residents to shop and conduct business in Genoa while providing \$1,000 towards educational expenses for a graduating senior planning to attend college, community college, trade school or other “529” approved program. Applicant’s names, photos and other information are posted at the 19 participating businesses.

Votes may be cast at any of the 16 polling places listed on the poster and below. Shoppers vote for applicants by making purchases which will be recorded by the participating business. In general, each dollar spent equals one vote. Exceptions are individual/family donations to Genoa Main Street Inc., will receive five votes for each dollar donated. In addition, this year for the first time, every two hours donated to Genoa Main Street activities will count as 100 votes. The time may be donated by the applicant him or herself or anyone else. The volunteer activity must occur prior to the end of the voting period.

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The polls are now open, and will close on May 15. The scholarship winner will be announced at Genoa-Kingston High School graduation ceremonies.

Competing for votes with their plans are:

Dustin A. Beach, Kingston, Columbia College, Cinematography;

Karli Beauchamp, Genoa, University of St. Francis, Radiography;

Katrine Capek, Kingston, Marquette University, Nursing;

Garrett Chester, Genoa, Columbia College, Game Design/Programming and Fiction

Writing;

Ashley Covington, Kingston, Kishwaukee College, Nursing;

John Cwiok, Genoa, Aurora University, Marketing;

Samantha Gahlbeck, Genoa, University of Illinois/University of Wisconsin, Electrical or Civil Engineering;

Christiana J. Garza, Genoa, Forerunner Music Academy, Music Performance;

Michelle Golon, Genoa, University of Illinois, Animal Science;

Aryelle Hansen, Genoa, Undecided, Biology, Chemistry, Human Genetics

Emily Hanson, Genoa, Aurora University, Marketing;

Katie Hanson, Genoa, Northern Illinois University, Sociology or History;

Tyler Hayes, Genoa, Northern Illinois University, Pre-pharmacy or Bio-chemistry;

Katelyn Hensley, Genoa, Northern Illinois University, Elementary Education;

Garrett Johnsen, Kingston, University of Wisconsin/Platteville, Criminal Justice;

Cameron A. Kamp, Kingston, Kishwaukee College, Accounting;

Jackson Kettner, Genoa, Orange Coast College, Radiology;

Maria Koeppen, Genoa, Rockford Career College, Veterinary Technician ;

Alicia Lavender, Genoa, Central College, Pella, IA, Vocal Music Education;

Nick Lopez, Genoa, Purdue University, Engineering or Pharmacy;

Andrea McCoy, Genoa, Kishwaukee College, Nursing;

Ethan Menges, Kingston, Northwestern University, Mathematics and Statistics;

Ashley Nuxoll, Genoa, Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, Physical Therapy;

Tommy Piehowski, Genoa, Marquette University, Mechanical Engineering;

Andrew Pippett, Genoa, Kishwaukee College/The Illinois Institute of Art, Graphic Design and Audio Production;

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Vanessa, Quandt, Genoa, Iowa State University, Industrial/Architectural Design;
Ashleigh Rodriquez, Kingston, Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, Social
Work;

Dillan Smith, Genoa, Aurora University, Physical Education;

Scott Suchy, Kingston, Carthage College, Education/Marketing;

Chloe Vassmer, Kingston, Illinois State University, Music Education;

- **Laura Volkening**, Genoa, University of Wisconsin/Platteville, Elementary Education,
and

Emily Wilkens, Genoa, Bradley University, Art Education (K-12).

Where to Vote

To cast your vote for your favorite candidate or candidates, make purchases at the following
businesses:

- Cattywampus/MCR Framing
- Citizens First National Bank
- Corner Grill on Main
- Crumpet's Tea Room
- Cutters & Co. Family Hair Care
- Everything Floral
- Genoa Auto Parts/NAPA
- Genoa Pizza & Trattoria
- Illinois Community Credit Union
- Kingston Mutual Insurance
- Neat Stuf
- Pete's Castle/Marathon
- Poppy Seed Primitives
- State Farm Insurance
- Victoria's Crossing
- Wild Thyme Herb Garden

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Shoppers can vote for the candidate they would like to see receive the scholarship each time they make a purchase at a participating business. The number of votes allowed per transaction equals the number of whole dollars spent or a maximum of \$200.

Purchases at some participating businesses require special consideration.

Vote with a Donation

Votes also may be cast by making a donation to Genoa Main Street, Inc. Each \$1 donation earns two votes. For details, call Mim Evans at 815-784-6961.

In addition, the following three businesses also are scholarship sponsors:

BNP Self-Storage

Hill's Tap

Installation Services

Genoa Main Street, Inc. retains the right to make adjustments to the scholarship program as it deems necessary.

For additional information, contact the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office at 327 West Main Street or by calling 815-784-6961, or visit the Genoa Main Street Home Page at www.genoainstreet.org.

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements.

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Cutline for Evelyn Cooley-Wild Thyme Herb Garden.jpgg

VOTING UNDERWAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES – Evelyn Cooley of Wild Thyme Herb Garden in Genoa puts up the poster showing the 32 Genoa-Kingston High School Seniors vying for a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and 19 Genoa businesses. Customers can vote for their favorite candidate(s) by making purchases at 16 downtown businesses or a donation to Genoa Main Street Inc. This is the fourth year for the scholarship program and for Wild Thyme Herb Garden as a sponsor. For more information, visit the Genoa Main Street Home Page at www.genoamainstreet.org.