

# *News from Genoa Main Street*



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## **\$1,000 Offered**

### **19 Students Vie for Main Street Scholarship**

A total of 19 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 22 participating Genoa businesses and organizations.

“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 19 applicants this year.”

This is the third 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 23 participating businesses and organizations.

Votes may be cast at any of the 15 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.

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

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Competing for votes with their plans are:

**Aaron Gingerich**, Genoa, Western Kentucky University, Investigative Biology

**Allie Zachwieja**, Genoa, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Anthropology

**Alyssa Pennington**, Kingston, Millikin University, Elementary and Early Childhood

Education

**Andrew Brown**, Genoa, Western Illinois, Economics

**Caly Crouch**, Kingston, NIU, Iowa, or Eastern Illinois, Music Education

**Britni Michael**, Genoa, Illinois Institute of Art-Schaumburg, Digital Photography

**Chris Higgins**, Genoa, Illinois State University, Information Technology/Web Design

**Hannah Dillett**, Genoa, Northern Illinois University, Nursing

**Kara O'Herron**, Kingston, University of Illinois, Chemistry

**Kathryn Graff**, Genoa, Judson University, Psychology

**Keith Franklin**, Genoa, Kishwaukee College, History/Broadcasting

**Kim Giannoni**, Genoa, Illinois State University, Special Education

**Kristin Orozco**, Genoa, Kishwaukee College/NIU, Electrical Engineering/Education

**Kyle Wewetzer**, Kingston, Kishwaukee College, Engineering

**Megan Bussen**, Genoa, Northern Illinois University, Theater

**Nicholas Smith**, Genoa, Trine University, Computer Engineering

**Rebecca DenBraven**, Genoa' Northern Illinois University, Chemistry

**Rebecca Joos**, Genoa, Kishwaukee College/NIU, Nursing

**Shaina Rogers**, Kingston, Kishwaukee College, Drafting & Design

#### **Where to Vote**

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

Citizens First National Bank

Crumpet's Tea Room

Cutters & Co. Family Hair Care

Edward Jones/Jim Wilson

Genoa Auto Parts/NAPA

Genoa Pizza

Kingston Mutual Insurance

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MCR Framing/Cattywampus

Pete's Castle/Marathon

Poppy Seed Primitives

Prairie State Winery

State Farm Insurance

Victoria's Crossing

Wild Thyme Herb Garden

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 five votes. For details, call Mim Evans at 815-784-6961.

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

BNP Self-Storage

Custom Aluminum Products

Hill's Tap

Installation Services

Kish*Health* Family & Specialty Care

Nicor Gas

S&A Maintenance

Unlimited Performance

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.genoamainstreet.com](http://www.genoamainstreet.com).

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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**VOTING STARTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES** – Jennifer Kohler of Cutters & Co. Family Hair Care in Genoa puts up the poster showing the 19 Genoa-Kingston High School Seniors vying for a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and 22 Genoa businesses. Customers can vote for their favorite candidate(s) by making purchases at 14 downtown businesses like Cutters or a donation to Genoa Main Street Inc. This is the third year for the scholarship program. For more information, visit the Genoa Main Street Home Page at [www.genoamainstreet.com](http://www.genoamainstreet.com).