

# **THE STEVEN J. VANDER HORN**

## **Endowed Scholarship**

**A memorial scholarship fund benefiting Pleasant Valley High School students  
Established June 2005**

The Steven J. Vander Horn Endowed Scholarship was created per his wishes by his family to provide financial assistance to students wishing to pursue an Engineering Degree at Iowa State University.

### **About the Honoree**

Steve Vander Horn was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1957. He attended Iowa State University where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. Following his graduation he began working for the United States Corps of Engineers on the Rock Island Arsenal where he spent his entire career retiring in June of 2004 after 34 years.

Throughout his career Steve remained an avid Iowa State fan. His passions not only included civil engineering and the Mississippi River, but also watching his four children grow up and graduate from Pleasant Valley High School. His two sons both followed in his footsteps to become engineers, and two of his children (one son and one daughter) both graduated from Iowa State.

Steve passed away in 2005 after a three-year battle with cancer. He missed his crowning moment in 2006 when his youngest son graduated from Iowa State with a degree in engineering. He was smiling from above! Throughout his life he always retained a positive attitude and appreciation of the things that really matter – family, love, happiness, honesty, and laughter. This only became more evident when he began fighting his illness. He remained strong, positive, loving, and happy. He was able to see the good in everyone and every situation. Everyone who encountered him became a better person just through knowing him.

It was Steve's wish to assist other students at Pleasant Valley High School who wish to attend Iowa State and pursue a degree in Engineering. And for that, The Steven J. Vander Horn Endowed Scholarship was created through generous donations from his family and friends.

### **Amount of the Award**

The funds shall be invested and distributed in accordance with the investment policies and procedures as determined by the Pleasant Valley High School Foundation. The amount of the award(s) will be a minimum of \$1,000. All accrued and undistributed income will be added to the fund balance of the account, assuring continued growth of the fund.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be available in the Pleasant Valley High School Guidance Office. The scholarship will be presented to the recipient at the Senior Awards Program held prior to commencement.

### **Selection Criteria**

- The desire and intention to seek an engineering degree at Iowa State University.
- Proof of admission or an applicable grade point and ACT and/or SAT score that will permit admittance to Iowa State University.
- A positive attitude on life and great work ethic.
- Submit a transcript of grades reflecting seven semesters of work.

**Make application and return to the Guidance Office by March 2, 2009.**

**Please be aware that some scholarship search committees check social networking profiles as a reference.**

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**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE BY MARCH 2, 2009.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:**

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR AWARDS RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Grade Level of Participation				Positions Held or Honors
	9	10	11	12	

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**(Please list jobs including summer employment you have had in the past 2-3 years.)**

Nature of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hours/Week

**I give my permission for my high school guidance counselor to release my academic information.**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____
ACT: Eng. _____ Math _____ Rdg. _____ Sci.Rea. _____ Comp. _____ SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____
Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____
Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

## PERSONAL STATEMENT & RECOMMENDATION

Submit an essay that describes your goals in life and what is important to you. Please include why you have selected to pursue a degree in engineering, and why you have chosen Iowa State University. Go Clones!

Recommendation by Teacher, Counselor, or School Official.

NAME OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type or print)

TITLE OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

