

**CHARLES G. SKOPEC SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
&
GERALDINE B. SKOPEC TEACHER EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP**

Geraldine B. Skopec was a farmer's daughter, a farmer herself as she worked hand in hand with her husband in growing and harvesting crops including hay. She grew chickens, geese, ducks, hogs, gardened both vegetables and flowers and milked cows. After they moved into Atkinson, she continued to raise chickens, dress them for sale, and garden on the farm. She always wanted to be a teacher and that is why this scholarship is given in her memory.

Geraldine was a very good cook and for several years in town provided room and board for Atkinson High and West Holt High students. She helped transplant plants in the farm greenhouse and sell them from the driveway of the house in Atkinson. Her friends remember her for her work in Atkinson Civic Improvement Garden Club and Extension Club, both of which she was president at on time. She was the custodian of the United Methodist Church for 11 years after Charley suffered a heart attack. He helped her as soon as he had recovered after a few weeks.

Charles G. Skopec was the son of a homesteader, a farmer, and worked for the P and P farms as a welder and constructor of livestock facilities.

Before he moved to Holt County, he worked with the ASCS measuring acres during the height of the Depression.

When he moved to Holt County, one of his first activities was to plant a windbreak with his wife, Geraldine and daughter Caroline.

He was a carpenter: building his own sweep and hay stacker, milk barn and milk house and with the help of a couple of farmers, an all-electric house in Atkinson. He sold garden produce for 62 years. He grew and sold plants for more than 30 years.

In 1951-53, Charles made a 4-H movie with the help of his friends and neighbors. In 1956 he wrote and produced a radio program for KVHC (now KBRX) in O'Neill with his neighbors. His hobby was electromagnetism.

They are survived by their daughter, Caroline J. Skopec Aten, who was a teacher/librarian for 26 years including 2 University Libraries and a son-in law, Gary J. Aten who retired to Atkinson after 40 years in the United Methodist Ministry.

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ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be a senior at West Holt High.
2. Applicant must be pursuing a degree in Science (including Medical).
3. Must provide *proof of enrollment* in a post secondary institution.
4. Include a copy of current *transcripts* with this application.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

PARENTS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY YOU ARE PURSUING _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: (Please list)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (Please list)

What do you hope to accomplish in your chosen career? (in 100 words or less)

DEADLINE: Please return to the Guidance Office by *April 20th*

Verification of Enrollment

TO THE STUDENT: Please fill in your name, address and social security number and then take this form to the Admissions Office of the College or University you will be attending.

TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE: The student named below has been selected as the recipient of the **Charles G. Skopec Science Scholarship**. Please complete and return this Verification of Enrollment to the address below:

Caroline Aten
P.O. Box 886
Atkinson, NE 68713

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

Student's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Social Security Number: _____

HAS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT:

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

By: _____
(Admissions Office)

(Title)

A **Charles G. Skopec Science Scholarship** in the amount of \$400 has been awarded to the above student. This scholarship is to be used for tuition, books or other legitimate college expense. **THE FULL AMOUNT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR THE CURRENT SEMESTER.** Money is to be fully credited to the students account upon receipt.