

*The Ronald J. Grotovsky Mayors Charitable Foundation*

# Mayor Ronald J. Grotovsky & Trustees Gary L. Chase & Jane McGinn Scholarship Application - 2025



Since 1998, The Ronald J. Grotovsky Mayors Charitable Foundation has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Mokena residents. The scholarship program was initiated by then-Mayor, Robert Chiszar, in recognition of the distinguished public service of Mayor Ronald J. Grotovsky and Trustee Gary L. Chase. Mayor Chiszar created these scholarships as an acknowledgement of both of these individuals and their everlasting contributions to Mokena.

In 2011, after 20 years of faithfully serving the residents of Mokena, Trustee Jane McGinn retired. In honor of her many contributions to the community and her interest in the welfare of Mokena's youth, Mayor Joseph Werner established an additional \$1,000 annual scholarship in Trustee McGinn's name. Thanks to these three remarkable individuals, Mokena residents have an opportunity to acquire assistance in their quest for higher education and learning.



**Ronald J. Grotovsky**

1981 - 1985 and 1987 - 1989 (Trustee)  
1989 - 1997 (Mayor)

Mayor Grotovsky was a passionate leader who genuinely cared about the welfare of the residents of Mokena. As such, he was the driving force in establishing the Mayors Charity Foundation.

Thanks to Mayor Ron, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated to local charities and civic organizations which, in turn, have assisted countless Mokena residents. In addition to his humanitarian efforts, Mayor Grotovsky provided unquestionable leadership during a time of unprecedented growth and development in Mokena. As a result of his prudent fiscal management, the Village of Mokena has evolved into a unique community of "Planned Progress, Pleasant Living".



**Gary L. Chase**

1963 - 1966 and 1983 - 1997 (Trustee)

Trustee Chase served on the Board during a time of rapid growth in the community. Mr. Chase was well-respected among his peers as well as by the entire community. His mild-mannered and friendly demeanor was an asset appreciated by his fellow Board members. In addition to his common sense, Trustee Chase was noted for his humor and respectful manner towards others, especially when opposing viewpoints were being discussed. Trustee Chase wanted the best for Mokena and maintained a tough stance on developers, insisting they adhere to Mokena's policies and regulations. Although Trustee Chase passed away in 2012, his vision for the future of Mokena lives on.



**Jane McGinn**

1991 - 2003 (Clerk)  
2003 - 2011 (Trustee)

Trustee McGinn was a dedicated advocate for the youth of our community and encouraged participation in educational opportunities. As Clerk, she was a founding member of the original charter scholarship committee and wholeheartedly accepted the responsibilities and duties this entailed. Throughout her terms as Trustee, she continued to be an active member of the scholarship committee in addition to roles she assumed on other Village matters. While Trustee McGinn possessed an outgoing and enthusiastic personality, she took her responsibilities as an Elected Official seriously. She was well-known throughout the community and was a familiar face at numerous community events. Trustee McGinn's valuable contributions have helped pave the way for future generations of Mokena residents.

**Deadline to apply: Friday, June 20, 2025**  
**Winners will be notified during the month of July**



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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student I.D. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

*If needed, type the following responses on a separate sheet of paper.*

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

What school sponsored and/or community activities have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any full/part time employment, including any volunteer work for which you do not earn wages. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- U.S. Citizen
- Live within corporate limits of Mokena
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- May not be immediate family member of current Village Employee or Elected Official
- Must be enrolled in accredited 2- or 4-year institution within the U.S.
- Major must relate to public service or government

**Application Requirements Checklist**

- Letter of Recommendation sent to: Village of Mokena, 11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, IL 60448, Attn: Scholarship Committee
- Essay: 250 words regarding what way your field of study will benefit the public
- Certified transcript from most recent educational institution

*I certify that the information provided herein is true; that I meet all eligibility requirements stated above. I give the Village of Mokena permission to use my name and photo for publicity should I be the recipient of the scholarship award.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_