



## Robert G. Turner

Robert G. Turner began his teaching career in 1947 after graduating from Knox College. He later earned a master's degree at the University of Illinois in educational administration. He was a teacher of social studies and coach at MacArthur High School before becoming assistant principal there. He was principal at Eisenhower High School and served many years as associate superintendent of Decatur Public Schools until he retired in 1984.

He was revered as a teacher, and as an administrator he showed strong organizational, management, budget planning, and leadership skills.

Mr. Turner was active in community organizations such as Macon County Red Cross Board, chapter chairman; Regional Blood Services Committee; Decatur Noon Kiwanis, president; High Risk Infant Registry of Macon County; Family Service of Decatur; as well as many educational organizations. He was a track and cross country official and was well known as a starter at area meets.

He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Decatur Board of Education; Honorable Mention as Outstanding Administrator - State of Illinois "Those Who Excel" Awards; and special recognition by the Illinois High School Coaches' Athletic Association.

Mr. Turner died in 1987 at the age of 66.



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*The Robert G. Turner Memorial Scholarship for graduates of Decatur Public four year High Schools (Eisenhower and MacArthur), St. Teresa Catholic High School, and the Lutheran Association High School if established, in Decatur, Illinois, is established in his memory and honor.*

### Purpose

The award is to provide commendation in the form of a paid scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate social studies student who plans to enter teaching.

### The Amount

1. An annual award of \$500 will be made from the fund, and the remaining balance in the fund will be invested to create income for the fund. If the excess income exceeds \$500, advisors to the fund may award a second scholarship or increase the amount of the award.
2. The annual amount of the award shall be \$500 per year for four years, as long as the recipient submits evidence of appropriate progress towards a degree once a year. Any one recipient is limited to a total award of \$2000 over a four year period. The Fund will make an award to one recipient per year.

### Eligibility

Any graduate of a four-year high school as designated above, pursuing an undergraduate degree in social sciences, with plans to enter teaching, is eligible for the scholarship. Social science is defined as the study of social relationships and the functioning of society and usually made up of courses in history, government, economics, sociology, geography and anthropology.

### Application Process

Applications shall be on a form developed by The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. Deadline for applications, to be submitted to the office of The Community Foundation, by December 21 of the year prior to the award year.

### Selection Committee

The selection committee will have equal representation from the participating schools.

### Selection Criteria

The recipient will be considered an outstanding social studies student, not just a student with the best record and scores of all the social studies students in that year, nor the applicant with the greatest financial need. The ideal recipient will be recognized as having potential for greatness as a human being, with a demonstrated interest in his/her fellow human beings. Nominations for the award may be made by social studies teachers or departments.

### Selection Procedure

The selection committee will meet and carefully consider the applications, and together with the knowl-

edge and references for the applicant, select a student to receive the award. The selection committee may use any method of selection they desire as long as it encompasses the basic criteria for the selection listed above. The student's work during the last year of high school must be in keeping with prior activities on which the award was based. Failure to do so, for any reason, will cause the award to be withdrawn.

### Notification of Recipients

The recipient shall be notified in writing by January 30 of the award year.

### Distribution of Award Funds

Payment of the \$500 award will be made to the college the recipient plans to attend each fall to be applied against tuition.

### Presentation of Award

The presentation of this award, including an appropriate certificate, may be made at the Honors Assembly or at another activity appropriate to the purpose of the award and consistent with the selection committee's recommendation.

### Acknowledgement

The recipient shall communicate annually in writing to The Foundation of the manner in which the award money was used to further interest and knowledge in social science and teaching and The Foundation will correspond with one designated member of the Turner family and to others as The Foundation considers appropriate.