

Ron & Jean Jennings Scholarship

History:

This scholarship was initiated by the Jennings family as a tribute to Ron and Jean Jennings for their commitment to and their love for the Miller community and its people.

Ron moved to Miller from Iowa at the age of three. He graduated from Miller High School and SDSU with scholastic honors from both. During college he joined the National Guard and was a member for several years. After college he joined his father, Ted Jennings, in the cattle business of Hyland Angus Ranch.

Humor was a very big part of his life. He loved a good joke and had a nickname for everyone he knew, sometimes multiple ones.

He was an avid sportsman, both as a participant and as a fan. In high school he received medals in football, basketball and track. During his lifetime he missed only one state basketball tournament, and that was due to his illness. He supported the Miller School in all of its sports, music and scholastic accomplishments.

The higher the stakes the better competitor he was. He was a Life master Contract Bridge player and loved playing any cards. Competing in golf tournaments was a favorite pastime.

After retiring he started several perennial gardens with the daylily being his favorite plant. He hybridized lilies until his gardens contained several hundred. Every year he gave away plants to anyone who asked.

His love for the community of Miller was great and he never wanted to be away more than a few days. He took great pride in saying that he was from Miller.

Jean came to Miller when she married Ron. She was born and raised on a farm by Fairfax, South Dakota. She graduated with honors from Fairfax High School and USD-Springfield with degrees in elementary education and music. She earned her degree after two years and four summer school sessions of college work. Her first teaching job was in the Scotland Public Schools as a sixth grade teacher. After marriage she stayed home to raise their two children until they were in grade school. After several years in elementary classrooms she joined the music staff at Miller Schools and finished her teaching career as the elementary music teacher. Her love and caring for children was demonstrated by the many extra hours of preparation and hard work as she developed a successful elementary vocal music program. She was dedicated to helping her students develop self-confidence in themselves, be the best they could be, to be proud of their accomplishments and to have fun while making music. She liked to tell people that she had very high expectations for her students and they never let her down.

Together Ron and Jean served on boards, committees, councils, and organizations working for their community. They raised their children in Miller because they thought it the best place for young people to grow, learn morals and have good character. They enjoyed watching Miller's young people grow and become successful.

It is our families hope that each year this scholarship will continue the efforts of Ron and Jean Jennings by helping the Miller area students achieve their educational goals.

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Requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior of Miller High School
- Must be or in the process of being accepted to a college or technical school.
- Have a strong school and/or community involvement.
- Demonstrate good character and citizenship.

Application:

Please submit the following information

1. Name, address, social security number, phone number, and email
2. List of activities, honors and awards
3. List of community activities
4. List of work experiences
5. A **one-page essay** describing your educational and career goals
6. A copy of your most recent transcript, including ACT or SAT scores.

See Scholarship Website for Due Date

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Social Security #: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please attach the following:

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Date: _____ Student Signature _____