

## **THE ERIN RANSOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for Lyle Public School graduates who intend to further their education at Riverland Community College. This investment in young peoples' future honors the life of Erin Ransom, who died in a tragic car accident on May 3, 1998, at the age of 21.

The establishment of this scholarship fund in May 1999, was made possible by the financial and volunteer support of the following organizations: Lutheran Brotherhood Cedar River Branch #8198, Lutheran Brotherhood Mower County Branch #8675, and Riverland Community College. Financial support also came from friends in the Lyle and Austin areas, from Erin's family, and from memorial contributions.

The investment capital will be managed and owned by the In Faith Community Foundation. Each year a check representing part of the earnings will be sent to Lyle Public School. Applicants to the In Faith Community Foundation are Jerry and Roberta Ransom and they reserve the right to select an alternative charitable recipient if for some reason this scholarship is no longer possible to operate.

Lyle Public School will administer the selection process each year. Guidelines for eligibility and presentation have been established by Erin's parents and Lyle Public School. Any changes or modifications for eligibility shall only be by mutual consent of Jerry and Roberta Ransom or other family members and Lyle Public School.

A tragic event has brought together the cooperation and generosity of many caring people. It is a blessing that out of deep sorrow comes the willingness to help others in a way that will provide benefits beyond our lives.

Jerry and Roberta Ransom

## ERIN RANSOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship is given each year to a senior planning on attending Riverland Community College the next fall. Applicants must have applied to Riverland to be considered for the scholarship. Acceptance by Riverland is desired, but not required. Please fill out this form and return with your other scholarship applications by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

This year's scholarship will be \$1500.

Please check all of the statements that apply to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have applied to Riverland Community College for admission next fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been accepted by Riverland Community College for admission next fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not heard yet from Riverland about my acceptance for admission next fall.

With this sheet please include a letter to the scholarship committee which includes the following information:

1. How have you made a positive impact? Please give examples of how you have contributed or shown good citizenship in your school, community and/or church?
2. What are your specific goals for your education and occupation?
3. What would receiving this scholarship mean to you?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_