



## BARBARA BUCKINGHAM PATRONSKY SCHOLARSHIP

### CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

**BACKGROUND:** The Lincoln Education Association Foundation (LEAF) is offering at least one and possibly more scholarships in an amount of up to \$2,000 per scholarship in memory of Barbara Buckingham Patronskey as established by her husband, Richard. Barbara, an elementary teacher at Morley and Riley Schools, died of cancer in September, 1975. She was a vivacious person with a variety of interests who loved life and participated in a wide range of pursuits -- backpacking in Colorado, canoeing down the Niobrara, composing creative writing for enjoyment, viewing and participating in theater, and traveling in Europe and the United States. Barbara followed up various academic interests through university classes, in-service offerings, and private study. She was a prolific reader.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the scholarship is to broaden the horizons of a practicing Lincoln teacher member, especially if the activity involves travel, one of Barbara's loves.

The donor of the scholarship hopes it provides recipients with the opportunity for enrichment through experiences or academic pursuits. The broadening of horizons will, no doubt, benefit the recipient personally by opening new vistas, but will also expand their professional capabilities as they grow in experience.

**CRITERIA AND INFORMATION:** In order to be eligible for designation as a Barbara Buckingham Patronskey Scholarship applicant, the educator must meet the following criteria:

1. be an LEA member,
2. be a practicing *classroom teacher* (this criteria was set by Mr. Patronskey),
3. complete an application that includes the writing of an essay explaining the plans for using the scholarship and how these plans will broaden horizons for the individual (the recipient of the scholarship will be determined largely on the content of the essay), and
4. agree to provide proof of completion and follow up in the form of a letter about the experience. If proof of completion and follow up in the form of a letter about the experience is not completed, the recipient must return the scholarship funds to the LEA Foundation.

The scholarship money will be paid directly to the recipient. The scholarship is to be used for a course or program sponsored by an accredited college, e.g., graduate or undergraduate course(s), or for travel - study, etc. The scholarship is tax free to the recipient.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15 AND APRIL 15**

Applications may be obtained on the LEA website at

[www.lincolneducationassociation.org](http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org)

click on LEA Foundation

The completed application may be sent to:

LEAF Scholarship Committee, 4920 Normal Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506

or through School Mail, LEAF Scholarship Committee, LEA Office (no address or box # needed)

or e-mail to [emily.sears@nsea.org](mailto:emily.sears@nsea.org)