

Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship

Description:

Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman was born in Mitchell on January 9, 1918. She taught at Groton High School from 1943-1992. She graduated from Sioux Falls College (now Sioux Falls University) with major in mathematics, physics and physical education.

When she was in college in the late 1930s, her instructors told her that a woman would never get a job teaching mathematics or physics. Those positions went to men. Her instructors suggested that if she wanted to be a teacher she should also major in physical education as a school would need to hire a woman to teach women's physical education and maybe they would also let her teach math or physics.

She taught mathematics at Groton for many years. In the 1948 yearbook she is identified as teaching Algebra, Plane Geometry, Geography, Arithmetic, Girls Physical Education and Dramatics. She worked with the Junior Class Play, the oral interpretation students and coached the cheerleading team. During her years teaching mathematics, she coached many students to awards in mathematics competitions.

In the late 1960s, she returned to Northern State University and obtained a degree in library science. She later became the High School Librarian, a position she held until her retirement. She coached oral interpretation for many years. As a senior class advisor, she worked with the Snow Queen contest and planned many graduations. She participated in planning many community events including the Carnival of Silver Skates, Harvest Festival and Groton's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Gwendolyn died in January 15, 2010 at the age of 92. Her husband Leonard lives in Groton. She has one daughter, Stacy Broman, an attorney in Minneapolis and two grandsons.



Eligibility Criteria:

- Planning a major in mathematics, engineering or sciences (biology, physics, chemistry or healthcare sciences such as pre-med, occupational or physical therapy, speech therapy or nursing).
- Have a 3.5 GPA or higher.
- Preference to a student planning to attend Minnesota State University at Moorhead
- This is a Scholarship for a senior who will be attending a 4-year college (no 2-year or community colleges)

Application requirements:

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Essay Topic:

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Submission rules:

- Student may receive multiple scholarships.
- No separate essay at this time.
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