

Margaret Lou Thonhoff Hensley Scholarship Award \$1,000

"Mitzi" as Margaret was affectionately known by her family and friends was born in San Antonio at the Nix Hospital on September 20, 1952. She lived with her parents in San Antonio, Jourdanton and Fashing. She graduated from KCHS in 1970.

Margaret completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at Texas Lutheran College in teaching. She went on to earn her Masters Degree from Texas Christian University. She then launched a remarkable 33 year career as a public school teacher at various places in Texas.

After retiring, Margaret returned to Karnes City and became very active as a member of the Karnes County Retired Teachers Organization, a member of the Karnes County Historical Society, an Ambassador of The Texas Folklife Festival. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Karnes City.

Margaret, like most retired teachers, continued to teach. She taught mathematics at Hill County College. Later she served as a grants program math teacher in Kenedy. She took great pleasure as a care giver to her parents Judge and Mrs. Thonhoff. She created a lovely home for herself in the same neighborhood as the Thonhoffs and she delighted living back in Karnes City.

Margaret is remembered by all who knew her as a survivor. She radiated strength, beauty and poise. In the classroom as well as in her daily walk, she inspired intelligence not just through mathematics but through an optimistic point of view. She taught her students to be strong, independent and invincible.

That mix of intelligence, selflessness and endurance is exactly what it takes to become a successful teacher in today's classroom. A graduating senior that has a desire to enter the profession of teaching, at any level, of any subject, now at the close of their high school career should already have these qualities and that will set them apart. These qualities are found in Margaret Thonhoff Hensley's final resume.

The student that will be honored with this scholarship should demonstrate excellent study habits which is defined by good grades. This student should display an interest in and a love of giving back to their community. This can be measured by the student's involvement in extracurricular and community events. The winner of the Margaret Thonhoff Hensley Scholarship must also exude a respectful, positive attitude toward family, friends and other citizens. These are the characteristic of a survivor!

Margaret Thonhoff Hensley Scholarship Award Application

The Karnes County Historical Society is extremely proud of your accomplishment and would to extend the offer to apply for this scholarship. We would like to invite any student planning to major in **History, Education, Liberal Arts, Economics and Sociology** to apply. This application is due back to the counselor's office by **May 5th, 2023.**

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email Address:

Major you are interested in?

Acceptance?

If so, where?

What clubs or organizations were you a part of during your years of High School?

The following information that is requested will enable the members of the search committee to know you better, to know your goals, and to consider you as possible recipient of this honor. Thank you in advance.

1. What do you remember about your first day of school?
2. What is the name of the teacher that most inspired you? Why?
3. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
4. In no more than 300 words, how did the history of Karnes County impact your decision in choosing your future path? Please include any family history you might have relevant to Karnes County.