



**Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus
Nebraska Democratic Party
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Political trailblazer Helen Boosalis is the inspiration for a new scholarship to benefit women students. The *Inspiring Women Scholarship*, established in 2009 following Boosalis' death, will be awarded for the first time in 2010.

Helen Boosalis was an inspiration to Nebraska Women. The Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus (NDWC) wanted to find a way to honor her while encouraging tomorrow's female political leaders. The \$500 scholarship will go to a Nebraska woman who is active in her community and progressive politics.

Applications for the \$500 Scholarship are limited to Nebraska women who are graduating from high school or continuing in higher education. Applicants are asked to submit an essay of up to 500 words about a female politician who inspired their own community service and political involvement.

Essays should be submitted by July 15 to the NDWC at the address above. For questions about the scholarship, please contact Mary Herres, NDWC Chair at: maryherres@aol.com or 402-617-2089. The scholarship will be presented at the Inspiring Women Luncheon in Lincoln in August.

Please provide the following information:

Name

Address

Phone Number

High School or College currently attending or will attend.

*The Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus supports the "Dream Act" law that endorses education for all residents in the State of Nebraska.

Scholarship for Women Honors Political Pioneer Helen Boosalis

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"Helen Boosalis was an inspiration to Nebraska Women. We wanted to find a way to honor her while encouraging tomorrow's female political leaders," said Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus Chair Mary Herres.

"The \$500 scholarship will go to three Nebraska women who are active in their community and progressive politics," she said.

Boosalis began her political career on the Lincoln, Nebraska city council in 1959 with an upset victory. In 1975 she became the first woman in the country to be elected mayor of a city over 100,000, later becoming the first female president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In 1986 Boosalis was a candidate for Nebraska governor in first gubernatorial election in U.S. history with two female candidates.

In an interview following her gubernatorial campaign Boosalis said, "I want to help encourage people to go beyond what they think they're capable of doing."

"You can accomplish what you didn't dream was possible. Take a little risk. Be prepared. Set your goals high," she said.

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Essays should be submitted by July 1, 2011 to Women's Caucus, Nebraska Democratic Party, 1327 H Street, Suite 200, Lincoln NE 68508. The scholarship will be presented at the Inspiring Women Luncheon in Lincoln in August.

The Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus is posting the 2011 application for the annual Helen Boosalis Scholarships. If you know of any women who would like to apply for this scholarship, please give them a copy of the attached application or have them contact me at 402-617-2089. *In 2010, there were no applicants from outside of Lincoln or Omaha. Our goal is to offer this scholarship to more young women across the state in 2011.*

For more information contact:

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