C. Harold Veenker Health Education Scholarship

About Dr. Veenker:
Dr. C. Harold (Hal) Veenker’s 27-year career at Purdue was marked by a dedication to the field of health education. During this time, Dr. Veenker, was known for his passion for the discipline, his hard-work toward developing and improving the health education curriculum at Purdue University, and his love for teaching and education. Dr. Veenker once said, “Life as a child in the Roaring 20’s, as a young teen-ager during the Great Depression of the 30’s, and as a young adult during World War II, was a great adventure. It seems that living is a continual challenge: to seek, to find, to try, to conquer. To succeed, one must live with confidence and hope, fearing neither failure nor success. To live well is to live with self-discipline in the present, using the hard-learned lessons of the past to brighten one’s prospects for the future.”

In granting the health education scholarship, Dr. Veenker stated:

“Education is very dear to my wife (a retired elementary school teacher) and me. I’ve seen many good students through the years who couldn’t afford to go to college. We decided we want to help worthy students have the opportunity to get an education.”

Thus, Dr. Veenker continues to influence the professional development of future teachers of health education.

About the Veenker Scholarship:
The C. Harold Veenker Scholarship is an endowed, four-year academic scholarship established by Professor C. Harold Veenker and his wife, Betty. The $1,000 scholarship is to be given to a first-year student studying health education in school-based settings (e.g., Health & Safety Teaching) who has a minimum 2.65 GPA. Award may go to an upper-class student in the absence of a freshman recipient. Award recipients who maintain a 2.5 grade point average may renew the scholarship in each of the next three years.

Go to https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/student_services/scholarships/index.html to apply.

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