In the 13th Year of the DVH Scholarship Fund and the Harry and Reba Huge Foundation, the Fund’s and Foundation’s founding family now invites on behalf of their father – Arthur Huge – young men to apply for the DVH/Huge Foundation scholarship. And the three sons of Dorothy Vordestrasse Huge and Arthur Huge know that their mother would welcome this expansion to consider young men from the high schools in the following four counties of Southern Nebraska – Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, and Franklin counties.

Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge

The Life and Dream of Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge

Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge described herself in the last two weeks of her life as a “little farm girl.” Actually, she was a beautiful, smart and talented 5’ 7” package of energy and grace, who moved through her 90 years of life like the athlete she was – with quickness and agility and humor and determination.

Dorothy’s mother and father were children of German immigrants, and her mother died in Dorothy’s childbirth. She was raised by an aunt on a farm near Stoddard, in Thayer County, a town that no longer exists. Her first language was German, and only later did she learn English. Schooled in a one-room
schoolhouse during the Dust Bowl, she graduated from eighth grade. In the Depression Era, young women from German immigrant farms rarely got to go to high school, and to attend college was a mirage. Dorothy met her husband, Arthur Hug, in Deshler. They were married in 1936 and lived in Thayer and Nuckolls Counties for more than 25 years before moving East. Art and Dorothy Hug celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Deshler in 1986.

While Dorothy never had a real opportunity for higher education, she always believed in it and insisted upon it for her three sons – all college graduates. Two also earned law school degrees and the other received a master’s degree. Her eight grandchildren are all college graduates, including two more lawyers and another recipient of a master’s degree.

When she was slipping away in the hospital and then again at her home on her death bed, she and her sons spoke about her own brand of steel and intellectual honesty and courage. They remembered their lives together, with the three sons all being born and raised in Thayer and Nuckolls County. It was during those last days and hours that the idea of a Scholarship Fund for Women from Nuckolls and Thayer Counties – its name and its purpose – began to be discussed, formulated and planned by the dying mother and her sons. Dorothy dreamed that every spring on her beloved plains of southern Nebraska she would be remembered at the high school graduations when the diplomas were passed out – a diploma she never got. She hoped that her Fund’s scholarships would help several young women to go on to college and earn their degrees. She dreamed about how lovely it all would be and wondered if she would have qualified for such a scholarship. Dorothy was assured that if she studied as hard as she made her sons study, she would surely have qualified for a scholarship. It was these thoughts that occupied her on March 8, 2004 – after 90 years of life.
Life of Arthur Huge and Life Partner of Dorothy Huge

Arthur Huge grew up in the 1920s and 1930s in Tampa (Kansas), Deshler, and Kansas City. His father died while Arthur was very young, and his mother died while he was not yet out of high school. Arthur moved in the depression of the 1930s to Deshler where there were cousins. He found work on a farm. Arthur was a natural athlete, playing sandlot baseball in the summer leagues in Thayer and Nuckolls counties. And it was at a dance in Stoddard that Arthur met Dorothy, and as they both later told it – they each knew this was the person they were going to marry. The marriage in 1936 lasted 60 years and produced three boys – Harry, Jim, and Cal. Growing up the boys had no chance to be lazy or shiftless – with Dorothy providing the quickest left hand for discipline; and if that did not work, there was always the enforcer Arthur – all six feet four inches and 185 pounds. The boys had a choice – straight As in school, be on the athletic teams, have newspaper delivery routes, work in the hatchery or the Safeway after school or on weekends, no back talk, no fighting, Cub and Boy Scouts, attend church and Bible School on Sunday – or face an encounter with their parents which they did not want.

Arthur moved from work on the farms to found (with two friends) the Spring Creek Dairy in Deshler. He moved his young family briefly to Holdrege to manage a hatchery. Soon thereafter he and Dorothy moved the family to Superior when Arthur bought a hatchery and feed store in the late 1940s. The hatchery – Huge Hatchery – was located behind their house on 1010 Commercial. That house, after extensive remodeling, is now the Huge Foundation Conference Center where the finalists for the scholarship have been and will be interviewed. The hatchery building is long gone – abandoned after the hatchery failed in one of the periodic financial and economic depressions which come to the farm communities in Nebraska and other farming states.

And when the Huge Foundation bought their family home at 1010 Commercial in 2006, the collapsing
hatchery building had to be torn down as it was a potential health hazard. In the late 1950s, with the hatchery gone, Arthur and Dorothy moved with Arthur’s various jobs until ending up in a home on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. By then Harry was in Charleston, and Cal in Summerville, a suburb of Charleston. Jim lives in Reno, Nevada.

Arthur died in the hospital at the Medical University of South Carolina of cancer, with his family -- Dorothy and the boys -- by his side. By then he had seen the fruits of his and Dorothy’s hard and joyful work with the boys – all had college degrees, two lawyers, one nationally known educator, and all college athletes. Dorothy and he had taught and trained them well. Not only the need for education, but living examples of work ethics, of never quitting, of community involvement, of giving back. Arthur was on various school boards. He was also the chief of the Deshler volunteer fire department when he hurt his back badly while fighting the terrible blaze at the Deshler broom factory. He also quietly showed them, by example, how to stand up for principles of friendship and loyalty, including not to discriminate. At the hatchery immediately following the war years of WWII, while feelings were still raw, the hatchery employed as a part-time consultant an American of Japanese descent. Some folks came to Arthur and asked him to get rid of the “foreigner.” Dad refused and the American of Japanese descent continued to work for the hatchery.

While Arthur never knew of his wife’s death bed ultimatum demanding that their boys do something to help the young women of Thayer and Nuckolls counties to go to college, we know he would have been proud. And now we also know that she will be proud to have in her husband’s memory young men eligible to apply for the DVH and Huge Foundation scholarships. They are buried side by side on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

This is the purpose and the hope of Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge and her Scholarship Fund for Young Women. The Fund and the Foundation hope that you will apply for one of these scholarships.
INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 APPLICATION

This will be the fourteenth year of the Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge Scholarship Fund for Women (the “Fund”), and you will be the thirteenth set of applicants to apply for a Fund scholarship. The following application form details how you apply.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE 2018 SCHOLARSHIP

The thirteenth year of operation of the Fund was again most instructive and rewarding to all of us. These thirteen years of operation and experience is reflected in the 2017 application form which follows. Most significantly, in 2016, the DVH Board of Directors voted to make two major changes to the DVH Program:

First, whereas before the DVH and the Huge Foundation scholarship were only open to young women, it is now open to both young women and young men. Second, previously only seniors graduating from high schools in Thayer and Nuckolls counties were eligible to apply; now the geographical area has been expanded to include seniors from high schools in Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, and Franklin counties.

We encourage all of the seniors from these four counties to apply for these scholarships. Additionally, we look forward to working with the teachers, counselors, and administrators at the high schools in the area as we strive to realize the core vision of Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge, which was to help make higher education affordable to those who have demonstrated the potential to excel as scholars in the classroom and as leaders in their communities and chosen career.

Last year, forty-two talented and accomplished young women and men from the high schools of Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, and Franklin counties applied for the 2017 scholarships. Again, as in all of the past years, it was extremely difficult to decide among the applicants, and even more difficult after we had interviewed the 13 finalists in two days at the Harry and Reba Huge Conference Center at 1010 Commercial Avenue, Superior, NE, in the fall of 2016. The Fund’s directors, after several lengthy conference calls, decided to award six four-year scholarships worth $10,000 each.

The four-year DVH Fund scholarships were awarded to:

Braelyn Iseemhagen, Deshler High School
Molly McCartney, Lawrence Nelson High School
Evin Miller, Superior High School
Hyeonju Wang, Thayer Central High School
Jenna Whitmore, Superior High School

The four-year Harry and Reba Huge Foundation scholarship was awarded to:

Blake Kirchhoff, Superior High School
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
ATTENDED BY PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Previous scholarship winners are all attending or have completed and graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Hastings College, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Concordia College, Creighton University, Briar Cliff University, Chadron State, Ft. Hayes State, Kansas State, Wayne State, and Doane College. All of these young women achieved outstanding academic results in college or university.

And we especially want to thank the guidance counselors who have provided such valuable input and guidance to the Fund over the years, and we look forward to including the perspectives of our new partners in Franklin and Webster counties going forward.

MEMBERS OF THE FUND’S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The members of the Scholarship Committee are: Reba Kinne Huge, who is from Sidney, Nebraska, and a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Ted Huge and Harry Huge, graduates of Georgetown Law School; and Kayla Grove, who is from Superior, a former DVH winner and a graduate of UNL; All are members of the Board of Directors. Only members of the Board of Directors will make the final determination based on recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

THE FUND IS A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION
EXEMPT FROM U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX

The Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge Scholarship Fund for Young Women and The Huge Foundation are recognized by the IRS as a qualified organization exempt from United States federal income tax and one to which contributions are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income, gift and estate taxes. United States citizens may deduct their charitable contributions on their federal income tax returns. The Fund’s office is at:

25 East Battery Street, Charleston, SC 29401
APPLICATION INFORMATION & DIRECTIONS

THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge Scholarship Fund for Women (the “Fund”) or The Harry and Reba Huge Foundation (the “Foundation”) will provide $2,500 annually toward the tuition and/or related educational expenses, such as room, board or books, of an undergraduate program at an accredited four-year degree granting college or university or a two-year community or junior college. The option of attending a two-year community or junior college must be part of an educational plan to continue a student’s education at an accredited four-year college or university. The plan of first attending a two-year community or junior college must be discussed with the Scholarship Selection Committee (the “Scholarship Committee”) during the interview and agreed upon and approved by the Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship is available for tuition and related educational expenses to any regionally accredited college or university, including community colleges, in the United States, and is not limited to colleges or universities located in the state of Nebraska. The scholarship monies will be paid directly to the recipient, unless otherwise agreed upon by all parties.

NOTE: Because of a special arrangement with Nebraska Wesleyan University, any scholarship winner who chooses to attend NWU’s traditional undergraduate program will be awarded a matching scholarship of $2,500 a year, up to 4 years, for a total of an additional $10,000, thereby doubling the award from the Huge Foundation.

The scholarship is renewable up to three times for a total of $10,000 over four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains a GPA of 3.0 for the preceding scholastic year and the student is a full-time undergraduate. In order to receive the next installment of your scholarship, students must submit their academic transcripts on or before July 1st to Maddie Rauch at maddie.rauch@thehugefoundation.org. If in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee, unusual and unexpected circumstances result in a scholarship recipient not reaching the 3.0 GPA, that requirement may be suspended following discussion with the Scholarship Committee and the scholarship recipient.

It is also expected that the scholarship recipient will report to the Scholarship Committee following the end of each academic year to summarize the scholarship recipient’s experience.

It is also understood that scholarship winners will respond to any request from the Foundation for a progress report or to update our contact information database.
ELIGIBILITY

The Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge and the Huge Foundation Scholarships may be awarded to women or men who meet the following requirements:

1. Attending an accredited public high school in one of the following counties: Thayer, Nuckolls, Franklin, or Webster, or are home schooled according to a recognized program within one of those counties.
2. These Scholarships will be given to the most qualified young women and/or men regardless of whether or not they will receive grants or other scholarships from other sources. We encourage all young women and men who believe they are qualified to apply, and all applicants will be considered regardless of whether or not they receive another scholarship(s) from another source(s).
3. The Fund and/or Foundation will award the scholarships to applicants whom it believes are the most qualified regardless of what high school they attended. We will not apportion the scholarships so that each high school or community within the four counties receives a scholarship.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Please send your application via email as an attachment to Maddie Rauch, who is the Executive Assistant to the Foundation, at maddie.rauch@thehugefoundation.org.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation should be sent with your application (as part of the application attachment).

The application deadline for all materials is September 25, 2017. All application materials must be received by this date in order to meet the deadline, so please allow ample time to request transcripts and letters of recommendation. We will confirm by email once your application is complete. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are submitted electronically before the deadline.

Please note that the last section of the application is an Application Checklist that has been provided to help you ensure your application has been completed correctly. Please note as well that presentation, sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, and grammar do count, so be sure to proofread your entire application.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION

If you have questions about your eligibility, the application process, or the Application Form and/or the scholarships, please discuss them with your guidance counselors or contact Maddie Rauch at maddie.rauch@thehugefoundation.org. You may also discuss the application and the selection process with previous scholarship winners, as all have said they would welcome the opportunity to discuss their experiences with any applicant.
SELECTION OF WINNERS

The Scholarship Selection Committee will select the winners based on a holistic evaluation of the complete application and the interviews with the finalists. The Committee will strongly consider academic achievement and credentials, such as an applicant’s high school rank within his/her class, rigor of curriculum, SAT/ACT scores, and GPA. The Committee will give equal weight to leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience outside of the school, honors, and recognition by peers. And the Committee will also evaluate an applicant’s personal qualities and interests as demonstrated in the letters of recommendation and essays and by the experiences pursued both in and out of school. The financial need and requirements of the applicants will also be considered and will be another important, but not the decisive, factor in awarding the scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will not assign a percentage weight to each of these factors and will consider all of these factors in determining the finalists and the eventual winners.

All applicants will be notified by email of their status—either as finalists or no longer under consideration—on or before October 5, 2017. Interviews with the finalists will be scheduled shortly thereafter at the Huge Conference Center, 1010 Commercial Avenue, Superior NE. The personal interviews will be held over the course of two days, October 19 and 20, 2017.

Members of the Scholarship Committee may discuss by telephone the interview process with the finalists. Thus the finalists may have an informal telephone call with a member (or members) of the Scholarship Committee prior to the interviews. The finalists for the scholarships will then be interviewed by representatives of the Scholarship Committee. The 45 minute interviews, which are informal, are being conducted so that the Scholarship Committee will have an opportunity to meet personally and get to know the applicant and the applicant will get to know the Scholarship Committee members. The applicants will also be able to ask questions of the Scholarship Committee and make a further oral presentation to the Scholarship Committee during the interview.

Based upon recommendations of the Fund’s Scholarship Committee, the Board of Directors will notify by email all finalists as to its decisions regarding the scholarship recipients on or before October 31, 2017. One of the principal reasons for early notification is so the recipients will know if they have received an award to help them in their selection of a college or university.
APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBMIT A RESUME AND HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT THAT CONTAIN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, PLEASE INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE DONE SO BY ANSWERING “SEE ATTACHED RESUME” OR “SEE ATTACHED SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT” IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE APPLICATION.

I. Personal Information and Educational History

The information provided here will only be available to the fund, its scholarship committee, and board of directors.

Applicant’s Legal Name: ________________________________ (last) (first) (middle)

Address: ____________________________________________ (number and street)

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(city) (state) (zip code) (county)

Telephone Numbers: Home ____________________________ Cell ____________________________

Personal Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________ Sex: ________ Birthplace: ______________________________

Mother’s Legal Name: ________________________________ (last) (first) (middle)

Last or current employer: ________________________________ Occupation: ______________________ (circle one)

Name of college attended (if any): ______________________ Year and degree: ____________________
Father’s Legal Name: ____________________________
(last) ____________________________ (first) ____________________________ (middle)

Last or current employer: ____________________________ Occupation: ____________________________
(circle one)

Name of college attended (if any): ____________________________ Year and degree: ____________________________

Name of legal guardian, if other than parent: ____________________________ Relationship: ____________________________

If you have siblings, please list their names and ages:

List every school you have attended, whether you graduated or not, giving the exact dates of attendance:

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Have you ever been suspended, dismissed or placed on probation from school or incurred any other serious disciplinary action?

_____ Yes        If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

_____ No

Have you had a prolonged absence from school other than school vacations?

_____ Yes        If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

_____ No
II• Extracurricular Activities, Honors & Awards

Please list your extracurricular activities (school, community, religious, athletic, personal, etc.) in addition to any extracurricular or academic honors or awards received during high school. Please list these activities, honors and awards in their order of significance to you. If you prefer to attach a separate list, please be sure to follow the format below. If this information is contained in an attached resume, please so indicate that the resume is attached.

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III• Summer Programs & Employment

Please list any summer programs (such as Girls’ State, Band Camp, or an academic enrichment program) you have attended during high school. If this information is contained in an attached resume, please so indicate that the resume is attached.

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IV • College Plans

Please list 3 or more colleges to which you plan to apply for admission.

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Please indicate your present intended area of study: ________________________________
If undecided, please write “undecided.”

Do you intend to apply for financial aid? ___ Yes ___ No

To the best of your knowledge, are you Pell-eligible? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown
(Your guidance counselor may be able to help you answer this questions if you are unsure.)

V • Essay

After reading about the history of the Fund, the lives of Dorothy Vorderstrasse Huge and Arthur Huge, and the Introduction to this 2016 Scholarship Application, please reflect on the following questions. Then, respond in two essays, one page each, typed.

**First Question:** Describe the single most important event (or events) in your life that have accounted for your achievements, values, work ethic and goals, including your family, your community and your peers and that have made you want to apply for this scholarship.

**Second Question:** On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence declared that “We hold these truths to be self-evident – that all men are created equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The author -- Thomas Jefferson -- at the time owned more than 1000 slaves. Over the years, prior to emancipation proclamation in 1863 and the 13th Amendment in 1865, other slave owners included George Washington, many of the other Founding Fathers, prominent citizens North and South, Georgetown University, Yale University, churches, governments and other major institutions. In recent years Jefferson and these persons and institutions were and are denounced by some as hypocrites and the Declaration is disparaged and ridiculed. Should these individuals and institutions who lived in the 1700s and 1800s be judged by the modern standards of today? Why? And if not, why not?
Selected reading – Thomas Jefferson- Architect of American Liberty by John Bois (2017); The Declaration of Independence; The 13th and 14th amendments to the US Constitution; Scars of Independence by Holger Hook (2017); Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings by Annette Gordon-Read (1998)
VI• High School Transcripts

Please include a signed transcript with your application or ask your counselor to send it separately as an email attachment to maddie.rauch@thehugefoundation.org.

VII• Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

The Scholarship Selection Committee would like to hear from two adults who know you well and can speak to qualities such as your dedication to your studies, academic and leadership potential, extracurricular involvement in school and in community services, your work ethic and experience, and your character. The first recommendation must be from a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in your junior or senior year. The second recommendation must be from an adult outside of the school who knows you from the community, such as a neighbor, employer, Scout, or religious leader. With this in mind, please thoughtfully select two people to write a letter of recommendation for you and include them with your application.

A summary of the recommendation guidelines is given below:

**First letter** – from a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in junior or senior year

**Second letter** – from a member of the community outside of school
VIII • Signatures of Applicant, Parent/Guardian & Guidance Counselor

Signature of Applicant
I declare that the enclosed essay is my own work, and that all of the information in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, is correct and honestly presented.

___________________  __________________  (please print name)
(signature)          (date)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

___________________  __________________  (please print name)
(signature)          (date)

Signature of Guidance Counselor

___________________  __________________  (please print name)
(signature)          (date)
IX• Application Checklist

Did you:

_____ completely fill out the application?

_____ assemble the application in the following order: application form, resume (if applicable), essay, two letters of recommendation, and transcript that includes your ACT or SAT score?

_____ include two essays that are no longer than one page in length each in answer to Section V?

_____ follow the directions for the two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher and another from a community member) and include them?

_____ include a copy of your most recent transcript that includes ACT or SAT scores?

_____ obtain the signatures of a parent/guardian and a counselor/principal?

_____ sign the application, scan and e-mail application by 11:59PM on September 25, 2017?

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING