

GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

JESSIE ALICE RAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Endowed)

Background:

Jessie Alice Ray created this Fund by donating property on Hoffman Road in Three Rivers to be sold to establish the **Jessie Alice Ray Memorial Scholarship**. A Charitable Remainder Trust eventually will add to this scholarship.

Jessie Alice Ray had been a long-time resident of Three Rivers and a teacher at Centreville Elementary School. After her retirement from teaching, she began working in the Academic Opportunity Center at Glen Oaks Community College in December 1984. She had been a staff member until shortly before her death in July of 1997.

Two things that Mrs. Ray loved most were students and teaching, and she was determined to encourage both of these by leaving a generous amount of money to Glen Oaks Community College Foundation to create a scholarship fund for students planning a career in education.

Eligibility:

- Students must intend to major in education (any level-elementary secondary, etc.).
- Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more).
- Students must pursue an Associate Arts/Science/General Study degree.
- Students must intend to go into the teaching field.
- New students must have a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A. in high school.
- Students must be able to complete the written portion of the Accuplacer Assessment at level 6 or greater.
- Returning GOCC students must have a 3.25 G.P.A.
- Must be a St. Joseph County resident.

Preference:

- Students just out of high school who provide a recommendation letter from their high school principal.
- Those with experience as classroom aid or tutor.

Selection Criteria:

- Academic ability, financial circumstances and career goals will be taken into consideration when selecting the recipients.
- One applicant is a non-traditional student.

Maintenance Criteria:

- The recipients of the Jessie Alice Ray Memorial Scholarship will be expected to maintain a semester GPA of at least 3.25 while receiving the scholarship.

Selection Process:

- Students will be selected by the scholarship committee based upon the above criteria.

Use:

- The scholarship may be applied to all education related expenses.

Amount and Number of Awards:

- If possible, a minimum of two students will be awarded \$1,000 per semester provided the principal is not utilized. The scholarship committee will make final determination of the number and amount awarded.
- If possible, a minimum of one student will be awarded \$2,000 for junior year at transfer school and must be a GOCC graduate. J.A.R.M. winner may apply for a second award for \$2,000 with a G.P.A. of 3.25.

Prior Recipients:

- Prior recipients may reapply, if eligible.

Disbursements:

The Office of Financial Aid will disburse the scholarship according to the standard school policy.

If, at any time, the College Foundation policies and procedures in effect for the administration of award and scholarship funds are changed, these provisions are automatically modified to conform.

Whenever it appears that changing conditions make this plan no longer applicable, practical, or suited to the general purposes stated above, the College Foundation would confer with the donor or their representative to secure a modification of the plan. If the Foundation is unable to locate the donor or their representative after reasonable efforts, then the Foundation is authorized to utilize the fund for any other suitable educational purpose, so that the fund will provide the maximum service to the community through the advancement of higher education.

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