



Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed Scholarship

Rising 10-12th grade

Requirements:

1. Type all applicant information.
2. Type your answers to the Scholarship questions 1 through 4 on a separate page. (See Application) Hand written applications will not be considered.
3. Type your essay on a separate page using the required prompts on the application. The essay must be entirely the applying student's work.
4. Secure three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, club advisors, pastors, or ministers.
5. Complete the scholarship application.
6. Submit completed application packet to the Business Office by end of school day March 1.



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About the Scholarship:

The Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by PICE (Partners in Catholic Education) in December 2015 to honor Carole for her many years of Service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) as the original secretary & longtime member of PICE, as the President of the St Bede The Venerable Church Child Care Center Board, as a parent of MCPS graduates, and to continue her support of both Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and her love for the Catholic faith. Carole is exemplified by the Mother Teresa quote "A life not lived for others is not a life."

Amount of Award:

The \$2,500 Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is awarded annually to one rising 10-12th grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School student. It is endowed for a minimum of 10 years at which time PICE will re-evaluate the fund to determine if the scholarship will continue.

Qualifications for this Scholarship:

For the purpose of this scholarship, the qualifications criteria are:

1. The student is a currently enrolled MCPS 9-11th grade student.
2. The student demonstrates a serious commitment to learning.
3. The student works well with others.
4. The student puts their Christian faith into practice.
5. The student is active in community service and has good character.

Preference will be given to students who are from Catholic families.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee includes 3 members of PICE, one or more members of the Clark family if they wish to participate and the MCPS High School guidance counselor. The committee will evaluate all applications based on the criteria above and will select one individual to receive the Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship each year.

Application Deadline:

Application must be completed by end of school day on March 1.

Announcement of the Award:

The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship will be awarded at a scholarship breakfast in May



Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed Scholarship Application

Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Church/Parish Membership: _____

Scholarship questions:

1. Provide specific examples of how you demonstrate your serious commitment to learning.
2. Provide specific examples of how you demonstrate your ability to work well with others.
3. Provide specific examples of how you put your Christian faith into action.
4. List your community service activities & briefly explain your commitment to community service

Essay Prompt: Write a maximum 500-word essay to explain how you embody the spirit of the Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship. A brief bio of Carole is provided on the next page.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Brief Biography of Carole Skoneki Clark

Carole Skoneki Clark spent her entire life in the service of others. The daughter of a career U.S. Air Force man, Carole was born in Limestone, Maine, on Nov. 22, 1961, and lived in many places before settling in Montgomery as a young teenager.

Carole excelled in academics and stressed their importance to her family. She was valedictorian of Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery and graduated with honors from Auburn University's School of Nursing. After school, she began a distinguished career in medicine, working as a registered nurse for hospitals, home health care, hospice and doctors' offices.

Carole's personal life focused on her family, where she was the lifeblood of every celebration. She planned countless holiday dinners, anniversaries and birthdays for the Skoneki-Clark clan. But perhaps the biggest party of all was held in early June 2015 to honor her, as more than 100 friends, classmates and family gathered in her beautiful home in County Downs to celebrate her life. She died at home one month later.

Carole served as the secretary for Partners in Catholic Education (PICE) from its inception in 1998 to 2015. PICE provides financial support for key Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) projects through their annual golf tournament at Robert Trent Jones Capitol Hill. Her sons, Joey and Will Clark, are both graduates of MCPS.

Carole skillfully balanced her life as a registered nurse, mom, wife, aunt, sister, friend and volunteer. She excelled at working in harmony with others to get a job done and her commitment to service touched thousands of lives. To honor Carole's commitment to her Catholic faith and her lifelong devotion to service, PICE established a scholarship in her memory in 2016. An ideal recipient is selected annually based on demonstrated commitment to their faith, community service and ability to work in harmony with others.

Carole was well loved and respected by all who knew her, which is demonstrated by the scores of family, friends and acquaintances who donated funds to PICE in her memory. If you visit the MCPS Vaughn Road campus, in the courtyard you will find three memorial benches surrounded by Carole's beloved hydrangea bushes. Make sure you read the plaque on each bench. Inside the high school, you will find a memorial plaque designating "The Carole Skoneki Clark Conference Room", formerly known as room 7 ¾. These memorial improvements were all funded by donations to PICE to honor Carole.

Thank you, Carole, for living a life dedicated to faith, family and service...a life well lived; a life we should all aspire to live.



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Letter of Recommendation

Instructions: We appreciate your willingness to help us get to know the applicant for the award in a fuller way. We ask that you be candid with us so that we can fairly assess the applicant's strengths and weaknesses.

We desire that this recommendation be kept confidential. Once you are finished with this form, we ask that you **seal it in an envelope**, and on the back of this envelope, **across the seam, sign your name**. This signature will be cross-referenced with the signature on this application for verification purposes.

Once this is complete, **please return the sealed envelope to the applicant. Applicant it is your responsibility to have all recommendation letters with your completed application.**

General Information

Name of applicant for recommendation: _____

Name of recommender: _____

Address of recommender (street, city and zip) _____

Phone number of recommender: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the highest or best (If no knowledge, label N/A):

_____ Commitment to his or her faith

_____ Commitment/Loyalty to family

_____ Academic commitment

_____ Commitment to a moral life

_____ Politeness/Courtesy

_____ Ability to get along with peers

_____ Volunteerism/Service to others

_____ Leadership of peer group

Please tell us 3 characteristics that you have observed that make this student a good candidate.

1.

2.

3.

Signature of Recommender: _____ Date: _____