

The Gayle Clarke Memorial Scholarship

The Gayle Clarke Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Gayle Clarke by the Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, the Montrose Democratic Party, and the family of Gayle Clarke.

Gayle was known for her exceptional character, integrity, hard work, and an ardent belief in giving back to the community by volunteering. She was a lifelong Democrat and was instrumental to the Democratic Party and the Jane Jeffersons. She had a passion for knowledge and education and had a strong belief in the standards of the democratic process. She was a leader, organizer, mediator, mentor, and friend to all.

The annual scholarship was established to reward and encourage one graduating senior in Montrose County each year who has demonstrated both democratic ideals and active involvement in their community and school. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who puts forth the strong academic effort, gives back to their community through community service, and shows leadership and dedication through extracurricular activities.

The two winners will be awarded a non-renewable \$2,000 scholarship. Entry deadline is 5:00 PM on April 30, 2024. The scholarship award decision will be made by May 15, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Graduating senior of Montrose County in the year of the application.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall of the year the scholarship is awarded. This includes college, university, junior college, community college, technical institute, or vocational-technical school.
- Must show community and extracurricular involvement.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- Completed the Gayle Clarke Scholarship Application
- High school transcript
- Resume that includes academic history, work history, community service, and extracurricular involvement
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (1 academic and 1 community)
- In essay format, answer both of the following questions:
 - ESSAY QUESTION #1: (maximum length: 1 page)
The teacher that has been the most influential in your life. Who and why?
 - ESSAY QUESTION #2: (maximum length: 1 page)
You just received one million dollars to start a new community outreach program. What will it be called and how will it improve the lives of folks in our community?

DIRECTIONS

Please print out and complete the following 2-page application and submit it with the REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS by **Friday, April 30, 2024**, in one of the following ways:

Hand-deliver to your school counselor's office if you are in the Montrose County School District RE-1J (Montrose, Olathe, West End)

Mail to Gayle Clarke Scholarship, P.O. Box 2126, Montrose, CO 81402-2126

Email a PDF file to GCMSCHOL@gmail.com. Please note "Gayle Clarke Scholarship" in the subject line and include all necessary attachments in a single email.

This application can be filled out electronically by downloading it from montrosedems.org/scholarship.

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Application Form

Please print or type your answers as legibly as possible! Also, complete all sections of the application thoroughly and accurately. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards. If you choose to fill out this form electronically, please print and sign the application before mailing it with your supporting documents.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____
First *Middle* *Last*

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
City or Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent #1

Name: _____
Phone: () _____ Email: _____
Highest level of education completed: _____

Parent #2

Name: _____
Phone: () _____ Email: _____
Highest level of education completed: _____

Children living at home (please attach additional sheet if needed)

Name	Age

GPA

Weighted GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____

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NAME: _____

FUTURE PLANS

Future Study Plans

Please list the institution or college you are planning to attend. If you do not know yet, you may list up to three schools that you are considering.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Briefly describe your future career plans

We understand that this may change over time.

Extenuating Circumstances Explanation

If you have extenuating financial circumstances, please include that information below or on a separate sheet. This might include a serious illness in the family, a special needs child, etc.

RELEASE FOR MEDIA PUBLICATION

If you are awarded a scholarship, MCSD and the individual scholarship sponsors may wish to share your name and picture for publicity, both in print and online.

- If selected, I authorize using my name and photograph for publicity purposes, and I agree to attend all functions related to the presentation of this scholarship.
- If selected, I do NOT authorize using my name and photograph for publicity purposes.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

By signing my full legal name, I certify that my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Date: _____

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Date: _____

Parent signature if student is under the age of 18