

MARY JEAN SHANNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*

(This is a four year grant and will be available for the 2013-2014 school year)

The Mary Jean Shannon Memorial Scholarship is a four year grant established in Mary Jean's memory through the McNish Foundation. She was very involved in numerous Mercy High School extracurricular activities, served as Student Council President and graduated Salutatorian of the Class of 1950. This scholarship was established to help a young woman who otherwise is unable to gain access to the wonderful education that Mercy High School provides. In turn, it is the hope of the McNish Foundation to inspire a young woman at Mercy High School to be a 'woman who makes a difference' just like Mary Jean Shannon who continued to serve others throughout her lifetime.

Recipients of the Mary Jean Shannon Memorial Scholarship should meet the following criteria:

- **Demonstrate need for financial assistance in order to attend Mercy High School**
- **Hold a minimum grade point average of 3.0**
- **Demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities or volunteer service**
- **Preference is given to a student living in the City of Detroit.**
- **Applicant must fill out, in full, the application form and submit it together with the essay.**

Any interested candidate is asked to fill out the application form and write a short essay describing herself, her desire to succeed, and how she meets the scholarship criteria. **Essays are to be no longer than one typed, double-spaced page.** Please mark "Mary Jean Shannon" at the top of the page and attach the Named Scholarship Application Cover sheet to the essay.

The Mary Jean Shannon Memorial Scholarship is renewable if the student maintains the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 3.0 grade point average
2. Follows a college preparatory curriculum
3. Demonstrates continued need for financial assistance in order to attend Mercy High School.
4. Demonstrates involvement in the life of the school by the student and her parents or guardians.
5. Demonstrates volunteer service to her school, church, or community.
6. Provides the McNish Family Foundation Board semi-annual updates on her progress in school, including extra-curricular activities.

Application

Mary Jean Shannon Memorial Scholarship Offered by the McNish Family Foundation

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Church/Parish: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (s): _____

Last Semester's G.P.A: _____ Cumulative G.P.A: _____

Please describe your involvement in your current school activities:

Please describe any involvement in other activities, such as church, volunteer or neighborhood service work:

Essay Questions: With the help of an adult if needed, please write a short paragraph in response to the following questions in your own handwriting.

1. Mary Jean Shannon rode two city buses to get to Mercy and worked hard to contribute financially so she could stay enrolled in the school. She sent her two daughters there because she thought Mercy made a difference in a young girl's education and life. How will (or has) attending Mercy high School make (or made) a difference in your life?
2. Mary Jean Shannon was very involved at mercy and took an active role in the school and later in her community. How do you hope to make a difference in the Mercy community and the outside world?
3. Tell us about your hopes for the future.

Financial Need: (To be completed by the parents or guardians) Use back of this form or another sheet

1. Please explain your need for financial assistance so your daughter can attend Mercy High School.
2. Please explain why the opportunity to attend Mercy High School is important for your daughter.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date