

Earl L. Gast Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Earl L. Gast was a resident of the MCC School District who passed away in 1994 and left his entire estate to the school district to provide for scholarships for graduating seniors. The estate funds are invested according to Minnesota law, and only the interest earned is used for scholarships. The amount of scholarships and number of scholarships depend on the interest earned.

Scholarships are renewable for up to a total of four years if the recipient meets the following requirements. For a scholarship to be renewed, the recipient must continually (except summer) be enrolled as a full-time student in a technical school, two year college, or four year college/university and must maintain a grade point average of at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale while in college. Please note, continuous enrollment can be waived in the event of an injury, illness, or emergency situation.

The scholarship is based on:

- Scholastic Achievement (grade point average, work ethic)
- Citizenship (following laws and rules in and out of school)
- Community Involvement (volunteering, participating in community organizations, church, etc).

Each year, 2-4 scholarships are awarded, usually for an amount of \$200-\$500. As previously stated, each scholarship is potentially renewable for up to four years.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 1) Submit a letter of application addressed to the "Earl Gast Memorial Scholarship Committee". The letter should be typed and should contain:
 - a. General statements of scholastic achievements in school
 - b. Information about participation in school activities, honors, awards, etc.
 - c. Information about community involvement, if any (church, 4H, volunteer, etc.)
 - d. Information about future plans, including educational plans for the next year
- 2) Attach the Earl Gast Memorial Scholarship Application Form and signed Data Privacy Release to the letter of application
- 3) Applicants may be selected to participate in an in-person interview at a date and time set by the MCC Education Foundation scholarship committee.

***The deadline for application materials to be submitted to the Counseling Office is March 21, 2024.
Interviews are tentatively scheduled for late April if conducted.***

DATA PRIVACY RELEASE

I (We) give approval to Marshall County Central High School office personnel to release academic and other pertinent information about me (my son or daughter) to the members of the Earl L. Gast Memorial Scholarship Committee for the purpose of evaluation of the application for the scholarship.

Student Name: _____

_____ Date _____

Student Signature or Parent Signature (if student is under 18)

*****The High School Counselor will complete this portion*****

Weighted GPA: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____ School Official Initials _____