

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School *Alumnae Association*

GWYNEDD MERCY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP Established May, 2014

This scholarship is funded by the Alumnae Association of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School (GMAHS). Application for the scholarship is open to prospective Freshmen students with familial or other significant relationships to graduates of GMAHS as defined below. The scholarship honors the traditions of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School and the work of the Alumnae Association in supporting and enhancing those traditions.

The goal of the Legacy Scholarship is to assist an entering freshman student who might otherwise be unable to attend GMAHS.

One Legacy Scholarship in the amount of \$3000 will be available for award to an incoming member of the Freshman Class. The scholarship is renewable annually for Sophomore, Junior and Senior year at GMAHS as long as the required criteria are met.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Legacy Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Have familial or other significant relationships to graduates of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School (i.e. child, sibling, grandchild, stepchild, niece or cousin); and
- Be accepted to GMA as an incoming Freshman; and
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by GMAHS Admissions Office pursuant to the financial aid criteria in effect at the time of application; and
- Submit both the completed Legacy Scholarship Application and a letter of recommendation from a teacher/administrator to the GMAHS Admissions Office no later than October 19, 2018; and
- Commit to perform a minimum of twenty (20) hours of service activities on behalf of the GMAHS Alumnae and Advancement Offices during each academic year that the Legacy Scholarship is received.

Award of the Legacy Scholarship

- The recipient of the Legacy Scholarship will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of members of the Alumnae Association Board and the Director of Admissions. All decisions of the committee will be final.
- Legacy Scholarship funds will be divided in half and applied against the recipient's fall and spring tuition charges.
- The GMAHS Alumnae Association reserves the right not to award the Legacy Scholarship if no candidate meeting the criteria is identified.
- The recipient of the Legacy Scholarship will be notified in writing by the Director of Admissions.

Criteria for Renewal of the Legacy Scholarship

The Legacy Scholarship will be renewed annually for the duration of the recipient's high school career at GMAHS so long as the recipient meets the following criteria:

Demonstrates Service and Mercy Spirit - The recipient exhibits a willingness to give requested service to the school, works well with others, is willing to take on difficult responsibilities, participates in school activities, respects Mercy traditions and the philosophy of Catherine McAuley. The recipient has honored her commitment to provide a minimum of twenty (20) hours of service activities to the Alumnae and Advancement Offices.

Provides Leadership - The recipient is reliable and dependable, inspires positive behavior in others and demonstrates leadership in school activities and in the classroom and is helpful to her peers.

Demonstrates Good Character - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously, demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability, consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior, shows a spirit of appreciation, is respectful to peers and teachers, observes instructions and rules and is punctual and faithful toward obligations.

Academically Motivated - Maintains grades which are consistent with intellectual ability, does not fluctuate drastically in application and achievement, participates actively in class and shows a high degree of self-motivation to do well.

Demonstrates Continued Financial Need - Determined by GMAHS Admissions Office pursuant to the financial aid criteria.