

MARYBETH GRAFF SCHOLARSHIP

Marybeth Graff was the President of Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA at the time of her death in 1998. As the mother of four children and a foster mother to many other children, she was a PTA member of numerous schools during her lifetime. Marybeth, in addition to her activism in PTA, was a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, active in children's sports and a mental retardation case manager in Powhatan and Goochland counties. She lived her life in an energetic, warm, and humorous manner dedicated to helping those less fortunate and often forgotten by others.

This scholarship has been developed not only to celebrate Marybeth Graff for her timeless efforts for children, but also to carry on her work as an advocate for special education and those with special needs. *This scholarship is intended to recognize a well-rounded Henrico County High School Senior who intends to pursue a career as a teacher in special education or a career supporting children with special needs.*

The selection committee will determine the winner(s) of the scholarship on the basis of the following criteria:

(35%) SERVICE

The Student shall have rendered service and assistance to others, school and community.

(10%) SCHOLARSHIP

The student shall show scholastic achievement based on a grade point average of at least 3.0. SAT scores will also be considered.

(20%) CITIZENSHIP

The student shall demonstrate citizenship qualities, which include integrity, responsibility, trustworthiness, and a concern for the well being of others.

(15%) ESSAY

The student shall write an essay limited to 500 words on why you want to pursue a career in special education or a career that supports students with special needs. Any special interests and expected accomplishments should be included. PLEASE ATTACH ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION.

Administration The scholarship selection committee shall consist of an odd number of members. It shall be comprised of (at least) the following members of Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA: President, Vice-President, 2 sitting members of the Executive Board and a general member at large. The Pinchbeck Elementary school counselor and Daniel Graff, spouse of Marybeth, will also sit on the committee.

Funding The scholarship awarded shall not be less than \$500 nor more than \$1500 each year. Should the fund be deemed sufficient, the committee may award additional scholarships in any year. If a deficit exists, the PTA of Pinchbeck Elementary must provide the minimum \$500 scholarship. Contributions made out to the Marybeth Graff Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA at any time.

Please return the application to the following address on or before April 15, 2009

Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA

1225 Gaskins Road

Richmond, VA 23238

Attention: Marybeth Graff Scholarship Committee

MARYBETH GRAFF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____

Phone _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Present High School _____

Latest GPA _____ SAT Scores _____

College/University attending _____

Please attach a copy of an official document, which provides evidence of acceptance into a four-year college or university beginning in the fall, 2009.

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Briefly describe the type of activity and length of time you were involved. If possible, list the hours involved on a weekly basis.

MOTIVATION FOR PURSUING A CAREER IN SPECIAL EDUCATION OR SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please write an essay limited to 500 words why you want to pursue a career in special education or a career supporting students with special needs. Any special interest and expected accomplishments should be included. Please attach essay to this application.

Applicant should furnish two letters of recommendation. At least one of the letters should be a written by a teacher or guidance counselor.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any information will cause disqualification of my application from consideration for the scholarship.

(Print Applicant Name)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)