**Mary Jordan Memorial Scholarship**

The Mary Jordan Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship that is awarded to an individual(s) who displays the characteristics that endeared so many to her. The scholarship is designated to honor a student(s) who has achieved academic success, possibly through adversity and hardships. The recipient(s) will also be recognized for treating others with fairness and respect and has shown to be a mentor to others in their school or community. Ultimately, we are honored to designate this scholarship award to a student(s) who will carry on the essence of Mary Jordan through a commitment to excellence in all areas on their life – academically, professionally, and personally.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify for the Mary Jordan Memorial Scholarship, applicants must:

* Be a registered student of Oakland High School
* Be a graduating senior as defined through credit hours
* Have a minimum, cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 5.0 scale (must submit a high school transcript)
* Demonstrate a plan to attend a post-secondary institute of higher learning, which may be a 2-year or a 4-year college or vocational school

**AWARD AMOUNT**

One (1) scholarship recipient will be selected with an award amount of $500.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

* Complete the Mary Jordan Memorial Scholarship application. Please type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned.
* Include a high school transcript with GPA
* Include one (1) character reference in the form of a letter of recommendation, to be completed by someone unrelated to the applicant.
* The application deadline (including the accompanying letter of recommendation) is **by deadline on website**. (No exceptions)

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO**

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| Tedra Nelk  School Social Worker  Oakland CUSD #5  (217) 346-2166  [Tedra.Nelk@oakland5.org](mailto:Tedra.Nelk@oakland5.org) |

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**SECTION 1** | **Applicant Information**

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| Last Name | First Name | | M.I. | Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) |
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| Address | | | | |
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| City | | State | | Zip |
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| Email Address | | Telephone Number | | |
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| Post-Secondary School of Study\* | Dates to Attend (mm/yyyy) |
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| Major/Field of Study | |
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\*Proof of acceptance from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds.

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| GPA |  |
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| Academic Achievements | |
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**SECTION 2** | **Long Answer**

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| Describe how a teacher has made an impact on your life – as a student and as a person. |
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| Describe any life experience(s) which you believe has impacted your studies. |
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| Describe your intended area of study, your career path, and how it will contribute to society. |
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| Describe your participation and role in extracurricular school activities (e.g. sports, clubs, community service, etc.) |
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| Describe your engagement in civic and/or religious activities. Indicate the activity, date(s) of participation, and your role. |
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| Why do you believe you are a good candidate to receive this award? |
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**SECTION 3** | **Letter of Recommendation**

Include one (1) character reference in the form of a letter of recommendation, to be completed by someone unrelated to the applicant.

* Describe the applicant’s inspirational contribution and extracurricular activities.
* Describe why you feel the applicant should receive this award.

**SECTION 4** | **Signature**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary related to this scholarship.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded.

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| **Applicant Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |