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THE JEANETTE WILLIAMSON CRAIG & EUGENE L. CRAIG SCHOLARSHIP

Sewing a Love for Learning

Grant Availability and Guidelines - 2018

The Application Form and the Recommendation Form may be downloaded and completed electronically at cfcv.com.

Completed application form, recommendations, transcript and Student Aid Report (SAR) copy, must be received (not postmarked) at the Community Foundation by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Jeanette Williamson Craig and Eugene "Gene" L. Craig, both descendants of mill workers, were raised and married in the North Highland neighborhood of Columbus, Georgia. They were the first in each of their families to obtain a college degree. Together, they served for nearly 70 years as educators for Muscogee County School District. Jeanette spent most of her career as a media specialist, where her library was described as the "heart of the school." Among her many talents, she was an avid seamstress and recycled common household items for use in her classrooms and libraries.

Like his wife, Gene's passion was the development of the whole child with an emphasis on building strong character. Following his time as a teacher, Gene served for 29 years as the principal of Waddell Elementary. His "morning messages" were but one example of his dedication to the teachers and students - a way of letting them know how truly special they were and how all their lives and goals mattered. Gene earned many accolades throughout his career and served on the executive committees of the Muscogee County Principals Association and the Muscogee Educators Association. He also served as the president of the Muscogee County Retired Educators Association.

Jeanette and Gene have two children and enjoyed 57 years of marriage until Jeanette's death in 2016. Gene presented the first Craig Scholarship in the spring of 2017 and passed away that same fall. Jeanette and Gene's dedication to education and their impassioned belief in giving back to our community has formed the basis for the Craig Scholarship. This scholarship is established in their honor to help students continue their education and obtain college degrees.

OVERVIEW

The Craig Scholarship:

- Is intended to help students with financial need, high character, and average and above scholastic merit achieve a college education.
- Will be paid annually to the two- or four-year accredited college or university of the student's choice.
- Will pay \$5,000 annually.
- Can be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, housing, books and "other reasonable costs associated with obtaining a full and rewarding college education".
- Is renewable for four years based on continuous full-time enrollment during the regular school year and maintenance of at least a 2.5 GPA.

One Craig Scholar will be selected in 2018. Ideally, the successful applicant will share the same high character as that exemplified by the Craigs' dedication to the needs of others through their lives. We would expect the Craig Scholar to be able to demonstrate that character through service to their school, community, religious organization and/or job.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for the Craig Scholarship must:

- Plan to enter college as freshmen in the Fall of 2018.
- Hold primary residence in Muscogee County, Georgia.
- Be U.S. citizens at the time of their application.
- Not be immediate family members of any employee or board member of the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.
- Complete the Craig Scholarship Application Form, which may be obtained via their high school guidance office, the office of the Community Foundation, or downloaded from the Community Foundation's website, cfcv.com.
- Complete and submit as instructed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA), which is available from high school guidance offices, and submit to the Community Foundation a copy of the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR). [Financial information will be held in the strictest confidence.](#)
- Complete a personal interview with the Craig Scholarship Committee if selected as a finalist.

TIME SCHEDULE

Submit FAFSA Form	Completed Application Due	Notification of Finalist Status	Scholarship Announcement
Beginning October 1, 2017	Friday, March 9, 5 p.m., CFCV Office	Early April 2018	Mid-late April 2018

SEND COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:

Craig Scholarship Committee / Community Foundation address above
Visit cfcv.com for directions to the office.

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In addition to the Craig Scholarship, the Community Foundation facilitates the Smith Scholarship, a separate scholarship with similar criteria. If you wish to apply for both scholarships, you may do so using this application. You will need to give your consent in the "Certification" section of the application. Information on the Smith Scholarship is available at cfcv.com.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All required materials must be received at the Community Foundation (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018

- Application Form
- Essay
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Official copy of high school transcript, including SAT and/or ACT scores
- One recommendation from a high school teacher. (Recommender should use the recommendation form available at cfcv.com.)
- One recommendation from an adult who is not affiliated with your school, is not related to you and is able to speak to your character. (Recommender should use the recommendation form available at cfcv.com.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name: _____
Last First Middle

Prefer to be called: _____ Male Female Date of birth: _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes No
Month/Date/Year

Permanent home address: _____
Number & Street City/State Zip Code County

Date you began living in Muscogee County on a permanent basis: _____ Email: _____
Month/Year

Home telephone number: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone: _____ - _____ - _____ GPA (weighted): _____

High school: _____ Graduation date: _____
School Name City/State Month/Year

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, indicate level of offense and explain on additional sheet of paper: Misdemeanor Felony

COLLEGE PLANS

Please list in order of preference up to five colleges to which you have applied. Please note if you have been accepted and/or plan to attend.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In the space below, please list school activities in which you have participated during the past four years in order of their interest to you. (Include clubs, debate, school sports, student government, fine arts, etc.)

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ACADEMIC HONORS

Briefly list or describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have won since the 9th grade (e.g., National Merit, Cum Laude Society).

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING SUMMER)

In the space provided below, please list community, religious and/or personal activities in which you have participated during the past four years in order of their interest to you. (Include volunteer work, youth programs, athletic programs, music, 4-H, etc.)

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WORK EXPERIENCE

In the space provided below, please list any paid work experience (including self-employment) you have had during the past four years. Include summer employment as well as employment during the school year. Complete this information beginning with your most recent work experience.

Employer	Nature of work (Includes supervisory positions)	Dates of employment	Hrs./Wk

ESSAY

Please attach to this form an essay (typed & not to exceed 600 words) addressing the following questions:

1. Amongst other things, this scholarship is intended to help students with financial need continue their education and obtain college degrees. How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your academic and career goals?
2. What is a challenge you have overcome or are working to overcome? What have you learned through that process and how has it shaped your character?
3. The successful applicant will exhibit a dedication to the needs of others through service to their school, community, religious organization and/or job. Which of your service activities has been the most meaningful to you and why? How will obtaining your college education help you serve others in the future?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information submitted in the admission process – including the application, the essay, and any supporting materials – is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented. I understand that I will forfeit my candidacy for the Craig Scholarship should any of the information I've certified be false. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application by the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley without further compensation or notification.

I would like for my application to also be considered for the Smith Scholarship, a separate scholarship with similar criteria. More information may be found at cfcv.com. In selecting this opportunity, I understand that my application will be reviewed by two separate scholarship committees and that the certification above applies to both scholarships.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Relationship to Student

Date