

Mary LaMaster-Stark Memorial Scholarship

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Amount: 1 scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2020/2021 school year

Comments: Applicant must be a graduating Benton High School senior that will be entering their freshman year of higher education. Applicants must currently hold at least a 3.0 High School Grade Point Average and obtain a minimum of 19 on the ACT exam.

Applicant must be seeking a degree in Education, Special Education, or English Literature.

Applicant must be or have been a Club member or has played a sport through the Boys & Girls Club of Saline County

Deadline: April 30, 2020

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Mary Alice Nibbe was born in Oak Park, Illinois on November 29, 1929. She was raised in Waukegan, Illinois where she attended both grade school and high school. She graduated Salutatorian and was Lieutenant in women's ROTC. She lettered in swimming and focused on English and literature. After high school, she attended Drake University for two years then joined "FCC 49ers", a youth Christian group helping with Bible Schools and surveying the population in small towns around Illinois. Her group leader was Dan LaMaster from Lacygne, Kansas. They returned together to Kansas the winter of 1949 and were married in the fall of 1950. Both attended KU in Lawrence, KS and both graduated in 1952. Mary held a degree in Education. They traveled in Oklahoma and Kansas pastoring in small churches for 3 years. They had 3 sons, Rick, Fred and Peter. Dan decided to pursue a career in aviation mfg. from Wichita to Florida and Mary was a homemaker, Den master, Boy Scout leader and part time teacher and substitute in both English and remedial reading classes.

Mary and Dan were divorced in 1967 and Mary continued her teaching at Derby High School in Derby, Kansas until 1977.

She was always heavily involved with her church family working on the bulletin, knitting and crocheting any and everything for anyone and being a greeter and Deaconess.

While attending Broadway Christian Church in Wichita in 1975 she met and married Wilfred Rutledge and moved to his home in Wichita, KS. Wilfred was retired from Beech Craft Aircraft Corp. as a quality inspector. They were both integral parts of the church and its outreach. Wilfred passed away unexpectedly in 1995. Mary continued her church work and was focusing on the homebound ministry for the church. Through this ministry she met and married Glenn Stark in 1999. Glenn was a retired Baptist minister and Pearl Harbor survivor on the USS Maryland. They lived together at Glenn's homestead in Kingman, KS and traveled together for a few years as Glenn pastored in some small churches throughout the Flint Hills area of KS. Glenn developed health issues and passed away September 2, 2014 at 99 years old.

Mary moved to Manhattan, Kansas near her oldest son Rick LaMaster who is a retired Army Sargent E6 medical surgical op.

She attended First Christian Church, taught Bible study, and helped in outreach ministry.

Mary always enjoyed her daily walks of about 2-3 miles and rarely drove unless she had to. She was never without a knitting or crocheting project or a hand of help outstretched to anyone in need.

While on her walk September 6, 2017, Mary had a massive heart attack and passed away on the way to the hospital.

Her kindness, quick wit, dedication to her church and family will always be remembered by anyone with whom she came in contact.

She was very proud to be involved in her son Fred's work for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Saline County and got a full facility tour in June of 2016 after the annual family trip to Florida. She was amazed at the new facility and honored to be included with the LaMaster Family Tech Lab.

We have established this scholarship to honor her memory and her life of giving, loving, and supporting those who are in need.

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BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS ONLY

The Mary LaMaster-Stark family in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County has established the Mary LaMaster-Stark Memorial Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students entering their freshman year of higher education through one of Arkansas's private, public, vocational, and community colleges or universities. The scholarship will be paid in the fall 2018 semester.

Deadline:

April 30, 2020 – Postmarked

Applications postmarked after April 30, 2020 will not be considered.

Incomplete packets will not be considered.

To Obtain Application Packet

Email krystal@scbgclub.com with Scholarship in Subject Line

No packets will be mailed

Send Completed Applications To:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County, Attn: Scholarship Committee
1810 Citizens Drive, Benton, Arkansas 72015

Applications may be handwritten or typed.
Packets must contain **all** requested information.

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Criteria for Application and Submission Check Off List

- ☐ Applicant must be a graduating senior from Benton high School, entering their freshman year of College.
- ☐ Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- ☐ Applicant must **personally** complete the Mary LaMaster-Stark application with signature, and provide all the necessary documentation. All requested information must be sent in the application packet – individual pieces of information will not be accepted.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a recent photograph with application.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a copy of his/her Benton High School transcript.
- ☐ Applicant must submit comprehensive transcript of his/her ACT exam scores.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a 100 word or less, essay concerning the impact this scholarship will have on their educational future. Applications with essays in excess of 100 words will be automatically disqualified.
- ☐ Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendations. Preferences are: one from either an Instructor or Counselor from Benton High School; and one from a community leader. The letters must be signed by the person making the recommendation. **No electronic signatures will be accepted.**
- ☐ Applicant must be or have been a Club member or has played a sport through the Boys & Girls Club of Saline County.
- ☐ The Scholarship Committee may conduct personal interviews with the finalists. The time and date will be discussed.

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2020 Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Email Address: _____

Parental/Guardian Information:

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) employed? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, where?

Father/Guardian: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____

How many people live in your parent(s) home? _____

Please check all that apply:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) Who: _____ |

Is anyone in the household disabled? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, who? _____

Is anyone in the household currently serving in the Military? Yes ____ No ____

Is anyone in the household currently attending a College or Vo-tech? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, where? _____

Education Information:

What is your current Grade Point Average? _____

Will you receive the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship? Yes ____ No ____

What will be your specific field of study in Education? _____

Financial Information:

Do you live with your parents? _____

Are you currently employed? Yes ____ No ____ if yes, where and how many hours per week? _____

Will you be seeking employment while obtaining your degree? Yes ____ No ____

Do your parents plan to provide financial support to your education? Yes ____ No ____

Are there any scholarships that you are receiving? Yes ____ No ____ if yes, what is the estimated value? _____

Please attach the following (*please type*):

- A list of special recognitions you have received while attending Benton High School
- A list of any activities clubs or sports that you have been involved with while at Benton High School. (school, community, church, etc)
- A recent photograph
- An essay of 100 words or less to explain to the committee why you feel the Mary LaMaster-Stark Memorial Scholarship is important to the future of your education.
- A copy of your high school transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation (school reference and a community reference)

Signature of Applicant

Date