

THE EMMETT TILL INTERPRETIVE CENTER
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI
PRESENTS
THE MRS. FLORIDA MAY HENTZ CASEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Mrs. Florida May Hentz Casey Scholarship Fund provides a one-time \$500 scholarship for a student from Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Sunflower, or Tallahatchie Counties, who is accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college or university. The scholarship recipient will be selected based on their commitment to academic excellence and servant leadership through civic engagement in their local community.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

While this scholarship is intended to uplift the legacy of Mrs. Florida May Hentz Casey and her dedication to education, its goals and objectives are as follows:

1. To help Mississippi Delta high school students gain access to college education;
2. To offer tuition assistance to Mississippi Delta high school students who have been accepted for full-time enrollment into a two-year or four-year college or university; and
3. To support the higher education pursuits of Mississippi Delta high school students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- Must be enrolled in and on track to graduate from a high school in Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Sunflower, or Tallahatchie County.
- Must be in good academic standing (2.5 G.P.A. or above).
- Must be accepted into a two-year or four-year college or university.
- Must complete the scholarship application by the May 15th deadline.
- Must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from education professionals.
- Must submit a 500-word scholarship essay with the scholarship application.



Mrs. Casey, circa 1950.

Mrs. Florida May Hentz Casey (1910-1982), above all, valued an education. She was born in Batesville, Mississippi, and moved with her family around the Delta. Forced into the cotton fields at an early age, she only completed the third grade. But what she lacked in formal education, she made up for in wisdom, hard work, and innate intelligence. Mrs. Casey eventually left the Delta for St. Louis as part of the Great Migration. Even today her unforgettable letters, archived in the Missouri History Museum, form part of a living past.

This endowment bears her name, both to honor her memory and example, and to help an aspiring college student with a higher education journey, wherever it may lead.

MRS. FLORIDA MAY HENTZ CASEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

****Personal Information****

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

College/University You Plan To Attend: _____

****High School Information****

Name of High School: _____

Grade Classification (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Year of Graduation: _____

G.P.A. (Grade Point Average): _____

List of extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, community service, etc.):

****Academic Achievements****

List any academic awards or honors you have received:

****Essay Question****

Select ONE (1) of the following essay questions and write a 500-word essay response:

1. What does education mean to you, and how do you plan to use it to achieve your goals and make a difference in the world?
2. What qualities do good leaders have? Discuss a time when you took on a leadership role at school or in the community and what you learned from that experience.

****Recommendation Letters****

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from education professionals (e.g., teachers, counselors). Letters of recommendation must be placed on school letterhead and/or include name, title, and contact information of the person writing the letter on your behalf. All recommendation letters should be emailed directly from the individual writing the letter to the Emmett Till Interpretive Center at apply@emmett-till.org.

****Terms and Conditions****

By submitting this application, I certify that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship. I grant permission for the scholarship committee to verify the information provided and to contact the individuals who have provided my letters of recommendation.

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Printed Name

Date

Please email your completed application and 500-word essay to the Emmett Till Interpretive Center at apply@emmett-till.org by May 15th.

The application should be typed or neatly handwritten and must be physically signed by the student. Applications should be submitted as a PDF file.

Your application will not be considered complete until both letters of recommendation are received.

The recipient of the scholarship will be notified by July 31st. The \$500 scholarship will be sent directly to the school of attendance – not to the student.

If you have questions about the scholarship or application process, please contact us at apply@emmett-till.org.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- _____ Application completed and submitted
- _____ Letters of Recommendation requested
- _____ Essay completed and submitted

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