

# *Margaret Holland Scholarship Fund*

**The Margaret Holland Scholarship Fund rewards high school seniors who demonstrate superior academic ability, a high moral character, are leaders at Lejeune High School and in the community, and possess a financial need. The scholarship was created by Ms. Margaret Holland, retired teacher of Lejeune High School, as a gift for the future of students of LHS. Through this scholarship, it was the intent of Ms. Holland to create a life changing experience for its recipients.**

## **Eligibility requirements:**

- Enrolled at LHS for his/her 12<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- Planning to attend a regionally accredited course of study at any post-secondary institution, including a community college or a junior college.
- Planning to be a full-time college student.



Margaret Holland devoted her life to her students. After graduating from James Madison University, Ms. Holland served military families by working as both a Spanish and English teacher in Germany and Okinawa. Her combination of teaching expertise and fondness for students motivated her to become a Guidance Counselor at Lejeune High School. Ms. Holland spent the majority of her career at Lejeune, making a difference in the lives of countless students who walked the halls of LHS. Now and in the future, Ms. Holland's legacy will live on through her scholarship so that all students who walk these halls have an equal opportunity to be touched by her life.

Ms. Holland was an inspiration to students, many of whom remained in contact with her long after their graduation. Her exceptional love for incoming freshman put her in the ideal place to make a difference in the lives of students as they began their high school careers. Stories of students who once considered school to be a burden, finding a new love and appreciation for school, are often told as fond memories of Ms. Holland.

To her co-workers, Margaret was a quiet, private individual who had a reputation for being well dressed and always having a neat appearance. Margaret believed that becoming a member of a school faculty was like becoming a member of a family. The 30+ years Margaret spent at LHS undoubtedly generated life-long relationships and a family tree consisting of faculty, staff, administration, and former students. Even after her retirement, Margaret continued to serve her LHS family by volunteering weekly at the school.

Because Ms. Holland enjoyed such a reserved, unassuming life, few people knew about her amazing contributions to many causes. Margaret's concern for her fellow man and desire to help others is evident in her philanthropy. Through her estate, she left monetary donations to more than ten different charities including the Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics of North Carolina, and Habitat for Humanity. Her donations will not only make a difference in the lives of those connected with these organizations, but will also assist in the advancement of medical research and so much more.

It was Ms. Holland's desire to leave a legacy that would ensure her greatest contribution would benefit the students of the school she considered family - Lejeune High School. She established the Margaret Holland Scholarship Fund, yielding up to \$32k per year, to give LHS seniors an opportunity for a life changing experience. Her desire was to pave the way for deserving students, who may not be able to afford college, the means to do so. She believed that all students who want to go to college deserve a fair chance, thereby warranting her help.

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Eligibility requirements:

- Enrolled at LHS for his/her entire 12<sup>th</sup> grade year within thirty (30) days from the first regular school day of said year **OR** a previous Margaret Holland Scholarship winner.
- Planning to attend a regionally accredited course of study at any post-secondary institution, including a community college, junior college, or trade school.
- Planning to be a full-time post-secondary student.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Demonstrated financial need by providing the current year FAFSA form showing the EFC.
- Write a letter to Margaret Holland that articulates how winning this scholarship: would be a life changing experience **OR** has been a life changing experience.
- Evidence of high moral character through the following:
  - Recommendation letters – A total of two (2) letters to be written by one (1) teacher and one (1) community representative or second teacher. Letters must be written within the last 6 months.
- Potential interview (for Finalists).

**The scholarship packet (application, the Letter to Margaret, transcripts, FAFSA page showing EFC, Cost of Attendance print out for top 3 schools, Recommendation Letters, and Award Letters from the school if available), must be turned into Lejeune High school Student Services on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. All scholarship winners must submit their second semester transcripts to the committee no later than July 1st of the year awarded to confirm GPA eligibility and release monies. Any winners who do not submit their transcripts by July 1st will forfeit their award.**

All information submitted by the applicant will be used in the selection of the award recipient(s). Failure to submit a completed application package will prevent applicant from being considered for the award.

The scholarship committee has authority to award funds to as many or as few students as it deems necessary. Scholarship winners may reapply the following school year with an updated application package.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**(Please fill out in Black or Blue Pen Only)**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you filled out a FAFSA?  Yes  No

\* Please include the FAFSA summary page, with the EFC (Expected Family Contribution).

Please list sponsor's home of record: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list name(s) and location(s) of any post-secondary institution to which you have applied to and/or been granted admission:

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

For Tuition Purposes are you considered:  In State  Out of State

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

For Tuition Purposes are you considered:  In State  Out of State

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

For Tuition Purposes are you considered:  In State  Out of State

Where do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

\*For each post-secondary institution you are considering, please include the estimated Annual Cost of Attendance that includes: Tuition, Books, Fees, Room, and Board. If you have committed to an institution, please include the Award Letter

Have you applied for or received any other scholarships?  Yes  No

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Applied for:  Received:

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Applied for:  Received:

Are you eligible to receive any Veterans Affairs benefits (Chapter 33, Chapter 35, etc.):

Yes  No Number of Months: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be receiving any other support from other organizations?  Yes  No

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

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List your participation and achievements in clubs, sports and extra-curricular activities:

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List your participation and achievements in community-based programs:

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List any leadership positions held during your high school career:

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List awards, commendations and accolades received during your high school career:

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*\*\* Attach a separate sheet of paper if additional space is needed.*

Please note that failure to submit a completed application, supporting documentation, or submitting false/inaccurate information or documentation will disqualify a student from consideration for the Margaret Holland Scholarship.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

Before submitting your application ensure you have each of the following items and that you sign and date the statement below.

- Signed and dated Checklist
- Completed application
- Resume (optional)
- High School Transcripts (College Transcripts, if reapplying)
- Current Letter to Margaret Holland
- Current Letter of Recommendation from a teacher (written within the last 6 months)
- Current Letter of Recommendation from community member/teacher (written within the last 6 months)
- FAFSA Print out (must show the EFC – expected family contribution)
- Print out of current estimated Cost of Attendance (COA) for each school you are considering attending/attending
- Financial Aid award letter from school you have been accepted to

“I attest that all the information I provided as part of my application package is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if my application packet is incomplete or did not meet the submission deadline, it will not be considered. In addition, if I attend a school other than that of the COA submitted to the committee, or if my full time student status changes, I understand that award monies may be forfeited or adjusted.”

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Student Signature

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Date