Information for the

BERNIECE CRAIG SCHOLARSHIP IN FORENSICS

The Berniece Craig Scholarship in Forensics is available through the University of Central Missouri Foundation for a student who actively participates in the forensics program at UCM. This scholarship is made possible by way of gifts honoring the Reverend Berniece Craig.

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:

Berniece Goodson Craig earned a teaching certificate in 1926, a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1930, a Master of Arts degree in 1964 and a Specialists Degree in 1967, all from the University of Central Missouri. She began her teaching career at Central Missouri’s laboratory school in 1947 and proceeded through the ranks until her retirement at Professor Emeritus of English in 1972. In 1982, she entered Virginia Theological Seminary and subsequently, at the age of 76, became an ordained Episcopalian deacon.

During her college years, Mrs. Craig made history as the first woman to be named to a co-educational debate team and was featured in stories released by the Associated Press. She was one of the founders and charter members of the Central Missouri State chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the national forensics society. At the age of 19 she married her English professor and debate coach, Ben R. Craig, her husband of 41 years.

Through her careers as a freelance writer, musician, educator and religious leader, Berniece Goodson Craig has inspired numerous individuals to pursue their dreams and career goals. She strongly believes that participation in forensics at the college level is a key reason for her success in many areas. “I learned how to speak concisely and well in front of an audience,” she said. This scholarship is dedicated to the accomplishments, character and spirit of the Reverend Berniece Craig.

CRITERIA:

To apply, a student must:

a. plan to be a full-time undergraduate student at UCM the following academic year;

b. be actively participating in the forensics program at UCM;

c. be worthy, deserving and of good moral character;

d. show promise of leadership and academic ability in chosen field;

e. have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0;

f. have a minimum of two semesters experience in any aspect of the forensics program i.e. forensics and/or individualized events.
SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The recipient(s) of the Berniece Craig Scholarship in Forensics will be recommended by a selection committee designated by the Chair of the Department of Communication and shall include the Director of the Forensics Program. Recipient(s) shall be approved by the UCM Scholarships and Awards Officer.

2. Applicant(s) may have gained experience at either UCM or another institution of higher education.

3. The application must be delivered or postmarked by March 1. Recipient(s) shall be announced by May 15 of any given year.

4. The Selection Committee, with the approval of the donor and the Executive Director of the Foundation, will annually establish the number and award amount. If adequate funding is not available, the Selection Committee may exercise the option of making no selection.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be delivered / postmarked by March 1 to:

Department of Communication
Attn: Berniece Craig Scholarship in Forensics
University of Central Missouri
Martin 136
Warrensburg, MO 64093
Application for the
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1. Name ___________________________________________ UCM student ID# ____________________________

2. Permanent address _____________________________________________________________________________

3. Home phone (      ) ________________ Cell phone (      ) _________________ Campus phone ________________

4. Campus address ___________________________________ E-mail _____________________________________

5. Major ___________________________________________ Minor _____________________________________

6. Cumulative GPA __________________________________ GPA in major _______________________________

7. Estimated date of graduation/degree completion ______________________________________________________

8. Do you have at least two semesters of forensic experience?    _____ yes     _____ no

   If yes, please describe __________________________________________________________________________

9. Attach a list of campus and community organizations to which you belong. Be sure to list leadership roles when applicable.

10. Attach a brief statement of your professional goals as they relate to this scholarship. Be sure to include your plans and aspirations for the future.

11. Attach a current transcript. An unofficial transcript may be printed (free of charge) from the student portal at https://www.ucmo.edu/portal.

12. Attach two letters of recommendation.

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