Information for the

MELISSA M. WYATT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Melissa M. Wyatt Memorial Scholarship is available through the University of Central Missouri Foundation for a student pursuing a degree in public relations. This scholarship is made possible by way of a gift from family and friends in memory of Melissa M. Wyatt, ’96.

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:

Melissa Wyatt, Bates City, MO, had completed all requirements for a degree from Central Missouri State University and was only days away from participating in the December 1996 Commencement ceremony when she was tragically killed in a car accident.

While at Central, Melissa had been active in the Public Relations Student Society of American and Delta Zeta Sorority. She was a graduate of Odessa High School where she had been very active in music activities, including the marching and symphony bands. She was selected for the American Musical Ambassador Concert Tour in 1992 and traveled extensively throughout Europe performing with the group. Melissa was active in the New Life Assembly of God Church and was a member of the church choir.

Melissa was described by her parents as a student who had to work hard to earn what she had and one who set high standards for herself. Melissa applied the hard-working attitude to all aspects of her life including school, church activities and helping everyone she knew. Melissa sometimes had difficulty understanding why everyone didn’t have the same high standards that she had set for her own life.

Melissa was a young woman who accomplished whatever she set out to do. “If she had decided she was wanted to be the first woman president of the country, there’s no doubt in my mind she could have done it – if she really set her mind to it,” said her father.

In talking of their daughter, Melissa’s parents said, “she climbed many mountains in her short life, but she always seemed to make it to the other side.”

CRITERIA:

To apply, a student must:

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

b. be pursuing a degree in public relations;

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

d. show promise of leadership and academic ability.

* In the event there are two equally qualified applicants, financial need shall be the deciding factor.
SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The recipient(s) of the Melissa M. Wyatt Memorial Scholarship will be recommended by a selection committee designated by the Chair of the Department of Communication. Recipient(s) shall be approved by the UCM Scholarships and Awards Officer.

2. In the event there are two equally qualified applicants, financial need shall be the deciding factor.

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: Melissa M. Wyatt Memorial Scholarship  
University of Central Missouri  
Martin 136  
Warrensburg, MO 64093
Application for the
MELISSA M. WYATT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. Name ______________________________ UCM student ID# ________________________

2. Permanent address _____________________________________________________________
   street
   city __________________________ state _______ zip code ______________ county _______

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 __________________________
   month ______ year __________

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

9. 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.

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

11. Attach two letters of recommendation.

12. Personal Financial Statement – indicate your estimated budget for the next school year.

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