AMERICAN DREAM FUND

JOYCE CARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given in memory of Joyce Carver, a beloved friend and community leader. The recipient(s) will be a student holding at least a B average through the end of the 1st semester of senior year planning to attend a 2-4 year college, university, or vocational/technical school. The successful applicant(s) will be the ones who embody Joyce's democratic values and ideals.

Students will be evaluated based on the criteria in the attached rubric. Students must give a short answer response to every question in order to get full credit. The content of the responses will be graded in terms of accuracy, completeness, and relevance to the ideas expressed. The answers will be evaluated in terms of clarity, organization, and mechanics (spelling, punctuation, grammar, capitalization). Each question should be answered with a response of 125 words or less. Students are free to research their answers, however no AI may be used when writing your response.

1. At age 18 and a US Citizen, you are eligible to vote. Discuss three essential qualities you look for in candidates. Name one characteristic that would remove a candidate from your consideration and why.
2. There have been many Civil Rights Activists who have furthered causes of democratic values such as freedom, dignity, and inclusion. Which civil rights activist made a lasting impact on you? Explain why with reasons and examples.
3. The Declaration of Independence establishes the basic American principle that "all men are created equal." In your experience, do you believe people in the USA are treated equally regardless of race, gender and ethnicity? If so, how? If not, in what ways does our nation and/or community fall short of these values?
4. What would you do if someone in your class was being bullied because of their race, gender, or sexual orientation? ie: Pat comes to school wearing a rainbow flag shirt. Another student mocks Pat for being gay and won't let Pat sit with your group. What do you do?

Due: March 15, 2025 to Counselor

Rubric for Joyce Carver Scholarship
CANDIDATE NUMBER_____

Student answers will be evaluated based on the criteria in this rubric. Give a short answer response of no more than 125 words to each of the FOUR questions.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (20 points)	Rigorous coursework (A avg) **16-20 points**	Rigorous coursework (B avg) **11-15 points**	Average coursework (A avg) **6-10 points**	Average coursework (below A avg) **0-5 points**
AWARDS, LEADERSHIP, WORK EXPERIENCE, EXTRACURRICULAR (20 epoints)	Demonstrates accomplishments in all 4 domains; (Awards, Leadership positions, Extracurricular, and Work) **16-20 points**	Demonstrates accomplishments in 3 of 4 domains. **11-15 points**	Demonstrates accomplishments in 2 of 4 domains. **6-10 points**	Demonstrates accomplishments in 1 of 4 domains. **0-5 points**
SHORT ANSWER (15 points each, totalling 60 points) **Question #1_____** **Question #2_____** **Question #3_____** **Question #4_____**	*Demonstrates democratic values *Thoughts are clear and well organized *Ideas are supported with 3-4 details that address the question specifically ***Details offer a unique personal perspectives** *Proper grammar and usage *Adherence to word count **11-15 points**	*Demonstrates democratic values *Thoughts are clear and well organized *Ideas are supported by 2 details that address the question specifically. Others are generalized ***Most details offer a personalized view but some are generic.** *Some grammar and usage problems *Adherence to word count **6-10 points**	*Demonstrates democratic values *Writing is vague or disorganized *Ideas are supported with 1 detail, but most of the supporting details do not address the question specifically *Generic answer and/or answer does not provide a personal perspective *Grammar/usage mistakes make answers difficult to read *Did not adhere to word count. **1-5 points**	*No evidence of democratic values or answers indicating the opposite of democratic values **0 points**