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Mary Virginia Merrick Scholarship

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve is offering a $1,000.00 Mary Virginia Merrick Scholarship Opportunity to one graduating Senior from each of the following qualifying high schools in Lake County.

Qualifying High Schools:

- Auburn Career Center
- iSTEM High School, Lake County
- Harding High School, FHEVSD
- Harvey High School, PCLS
- Kirtland High School, KLS
- Madison High School, MLSD
- Mentor High School, MEVSD
- Perry High School, PLSD
- Northern Career Institute
- Riverside High School, RLSD
- Wickliffe High School, WCSD
- Eastlake North High School, WELSD
- Willoughby South High School, WELSD

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve is primarily dedicated to child welfare and community support. This scholarship opportunity is not connected to any religious affiliation and makes no mention of religion.

Scholarship Criteria

- No GPA Requirement
- Open to any graduating Senior who plans to attend a:
  - Trade School
  - Community College
  - 4 Year College/University, Public or Private
- Strong Community Involvement in Lake County
- The student must be a resident of Lake County
- Students may only apply once through one school (either home school district, Auburn Career Center, or Northern Career Institute)

How students apply:

1. Craft an essay of 500 words or fewer addressing the provided prompt:

   Drawing on your own experiences and volunteerism, please define what a servant leader is. How will your educational plans prepare you to be a servant leader in your local community and beyond? In the response, please describe your ten-year plan and how you will be able to give back to your local community using your education.

2. Students will submit their essays to their Guidance Counselor by February 27, 2026.

Selection Process and Counselor Responsibilities
Home school counselors and counseling teams will promote this scholarship opportunity.

The scholarship deadline for submission is February 27, 2026.
Home school counselors and counseling teams will select the scholarship recipient using this rubric by **March 13, 2026.**

Home school counselors and counseling teams will commit a Lead/Senior counselor to this project (enter name and email into this spreadsheet). The Lead/Senior counselor will enter the scholarship recipient's information, including Name, Parent/Guardian Names, Home Address, and Phone Numbers, into the Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve spreadsheet. ***Counselors: confirm with the recipient to ensure the home address is correct.**

The Lead/Senior Counselor Point of Contact on the spreadsheet must commit to recognizing scholarship recipients at local Senior events such as Senior Scholarship Night, Graduation Ceremonies, Senior Breakfasts, etc. A few of the Christ Child of the Western Reserve members will attend the awards ceremonies to present the awards to the students.

The Lead/Senior Counselor needs to reach out to Janet Dell via email at oogiekeeb@hotmail.com to communicate the date and time of the Senior event so that the Christ Child of the Western Reserve Society members can attend. Any paper invitations need to be mailed to:

Janet Dell
679 Sycamore Drive
Euclid, Ohio 44132
216-401-4602

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve will present a check to the scholarship recipient.

If you have any questions, please email Janet Dell at oogiekeeb@hotmail.com or call 216-401-4602.

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