

ENTERPRISE AREA CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.
GLORIA SESSIONS VENTRESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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The Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation, Inc. has approved receipt of an endowment of approximately \$100,000.00. This fund will be set up in memory of Gloria Sessions Ventress. From this endowment, the Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation, upon recommendation of a committee selected by the Foundation Chairman, will award what will be known as, the "Gloria Sessions Ventress Memorial Scholarship". The Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation Board agrees, therefore as follows:

1. As long as sufficient funds exist for its award, the Gloria Sessions Ventress Memorial Scholarship shall be given annually to a graduating high school senior who is a full time resident of Enterprise, Alabama and will be pursuing further education through enrollment in a four-year college. **The scholarship will consist of 90% of the annual income with 10% credited back to the principle.**

The maximum amount per recipient will be for one year's tuition based on the current in-state tuition at a public university/college in the state of Alabama. Should the income to be awarded exceed the full year in-state tuition at a state public university, the balance of the income will be awarded to a second qualified recipient.

2. While not being pre-requisites to receiving the scholarship, the following criteria will be specially considered: **(a) students whose parents are educators; and/or, (b) students that have a background and/or special interest in national/international affairs; and/or (c) students who are "Hearst Foundation" qualifiers.**
3. The Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation Board shall have final authority on the scholarship award but shall specially consider the recommendation of the Gloria Sessions Ventress Memorial Committee which shall be made up of the following three individuals: (a) Bill Ventress (as long as Bill is alive and willing to serve, he shall be a member emeritus on the committee). If Bill Ventress is unable or unwilling to serve, then the committee shall include: a member of the Ventress family, (i.e. either one of Mr. Ventress' two sisters or any one of their heirs at law and next of kin of Bill Ventress or his two sisters); (b) The Chairman of the Foundation Board; and (c) a person mutually agreed upon by the Chairman of the Foundation Board and Bill Ventress (or if Bill Ventress is unable or unwilling to serve, any one of his sisters or any one of their heirs if the sisters are unable or unwilling to so serve). The Recording Secretary shall serve with no vote if so desired by the committee.
4. The Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation shall have final authority as to how to invest and manage the Gloria Sessions Ventress Scholarship endowment but shall receive and review the recommendations of Bill Ventress, as often as Bill Ventress desires, to prove the same to the Board.
5. The Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation adopts the attached form as the application form for interested students.

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Gloria was the daughter of Mary and Lewe Sessions. Gloria was born and grew up in Enterprise. She attended and graduated from the public schools in Enterprise. Gloria enjoyed teaching in Enterprise after she obtained her degree in education from The University of Alabama. After leaving Enterprise to raise her family, she returned in 1979, and resided in Enterprise for the remainder of her life. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church during her youth, and upon her return to Enterprise in later life. She was deeply interested in education of the young people of Enterprise, the teachers who educated them, as was her father, Lewe, who served for many years on the Enterprise School Board.

In memory of Gloria Sessions Ventress, her children have generously endowed a scholarship through the Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation, Inc. The Gloria Sessions Ventress Memorial Scholarship is given annually to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Enterprise, Alabama and will be pursuing further education through enrollment in a four-year-college. Gloria Sessions Ventress was an educator and had keen interest in national and international affairs. While not being pre-requisites to receiving the scholarship, the following criteria will be specially considered: a. students whose parents are educators; and/or b. students that have a background and/or special interest in national/international affairs, and c. students who are "Hearst Foundation" qualifiers.

Objective: To recognize a graduating senior at an Enterprise high school in academics and community involvement and to honor the memory of Gloria Sessions Ventress.

Description: A cash scholarship to be applied toward tuition and books.

Funding: The Gloria Sessions Ventress Memorial Scholarship is supported by a private contribution from the Ventress family to the Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation.

Eligibility: Graduating Enterprise High School seniors, in good standing, who plan to attend a four-year college that have maintained a "B" average or higher may apply for the scholarship.

To Apply: Students are required to complete and submit application form available at the Enterprise High School Guidance Counselors Office along with two references, transcript(s), and a personal summary.

Scholarship Selection: The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the Foundation Board of Directors upon recommendation from a panel of representatives to be determined by the Foundation.

Notification: All applicants will be notified of the final selection prior to the Enterprise High School Honors Program in May of each year. The scholarship money will be awarded once the winner is selected and has been accepted to a four-year college of the student's choice. The check will be made payable to the college and deposited into the student's account with the college Bursar's Office.

**GLORIA SESSIONS VENTRESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

I. COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

NAME _____
Last name
First name
Middle name or initial

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

BIRTHDATE _____
Month
Day
Year

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ PROFESSION _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ PROFESSION _____

LEGAL GARDIAN(S) _____ PROFESSION _____

HAVE YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN(S) EVER BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE EDUCATION FIELD?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, job position, where and dates employed _____

CAREER FIELD OR COURSE OF STUDY _____

COLLEGE YOU'RE PLANNING TO ATTEND _____

APPLIED? Yes _____ No _____ ACCEPTED? Yes _____ No _____

SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED (High School transcripts must accompany for each school attended)

Name of High School	Dates Attended
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

High School Class Rank:	Number graduating in High School:
Grade Point Average:	Graduation Exam Scores:
ACT/SAT Composite Score:	Hearst Foundation Score, if applicable:

TOP THREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. (Honors, awards, leadership positions, jobs or other activities.)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

II. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Completed application
- 2. Official High School Transcript
- 3. Two letters of recommendation (sealed envelope)
 - A. A letter of recommendation from principal, counselor or teacher at Enterprise High School.
 - B. A letter of recommendation from anyone who knows you and can attest to your character, abilities and qualifications.
- 4. Personal Summary: A brief description of what you plan to study, where you plan to study, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your future career goals.
- 5. Current Photo.

III. SUBMIT ORIGINAL APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPT AND PERSONAL SUMMARY.

IV. DEADLINE: MUST BE RECEIVED BY: MARCH 15, 2024

V. SIGN AND DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

CHECK LIST

- ___ Completed Application Form
- ___ Transcript (1 Official)
- ___ Personal Summary
- ___ Letter of Recommendation from principal, teacher or counselor
- ___ Letter of Recommendation from someone that can attest to your character

___ Current Photo
___ MAIL TO:
Erin Grantham
Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation
P.O. Box 310577
Enterprise, AL 36331-0577

FOUNDATION ACCEPTANCE:

Trent Dillard, Chairman
Enterprise Area Chamber Foundation

Date Signed

STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

On this ____ day of, _____, 20____, before me the undersigned notary public appeared _____, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____, to be the person whose name is signed on this document and has acknowledged to me he/she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public Signature: _____

[NOTARY SEAL HERE]

My commission expires: _____

VENTRESS ACCEPTANCE:

William "Bill" Ventress
Scholarship Grantee

Date Signed

STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

On this ____ day of, _____, 20____, before me the undersigned notary public appeared _____, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____, to be the person whose name is signed on this document and has acknowledged to me he/she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public Signature: _____

[NOTARY SEAL HERE]

My commission expires: _____