



Della Blakely Park Scholarship

The Della Blakely Park Scholarship is funded by an endowment donated from the estate of the late James and Della Park. One of their final gifts was to establish a scholarship fund to support students in pursuing academic excellence and spiritual growth.

Della lived in Wyoming before attending MEA. Della was a very active student when she attended in the late 1950s and early 1960s. She was a very determined and resilient young lady showing up to school her sophomore year in a full body cast from neck to hips due to a swimming accident in the summer of 1959. That same school year she was part of a group of students to fundraise for new education equipment and curtains for the stage. She was involved in speech contests, Music, and even involved with Mission Volunteer Society (now called Pathfinder) during her tenure. In May of 1960 Della was chosen to be a delegate for Wyoming to the North American Youth Congress.

The Della Blakely Park Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance for students to attend Mount Ellis Academy. The scholarship will be awarded (and may be renewed each year) based on academic performance, citizenship, and need.

MEA's Financial Aid Committee will select the scholarship recipients from the pool of applicants who meet the following criteria. Applicants must meet these minimum requirements to renew or be considered for the Della Blakely Park Scholarship:

- Maintain a 3.0 high school GPA on a semester basis (or, for incoming 9th graders, a 3.0 GPA from their 8th grade year).
- Maintain good citizenship as evidenced by no major discipline infractions during the previous school year.
- Fulfill work obligations as outlined in the financial plan.
- Exhibit leadership qualities and a Christian example to other students.

ESTIMATED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Village students - \$500 – 2,000 per year

Dorm students - \$1000 – 4,000 per year

The scholarship may be renewed every year the student remains in attendance at Mount Ellis Academy and meets the minimum requirements above. Failure to meet the minimum requirements will result in loss of the scholarship.



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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Previous semester (or 8th grade) GPA: _____

Were the student's labor obligations fulfilled for the previous school year or semester? If not, please explain why: _____

Have you had any discipline infractions during the past school year? If so, please describe the infraction(s) and what happened: _____

Briefly share your plan for summer-time work and the amount you will personally contribute toward your entrance fees for the upcoming school year. _____

ESSAY

Please attach a typewritten essay answering one of the following prompts. (See next page.)



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Describe a significant challenge you have faced (or are currently facing). How did it shape your character, faith, and choices? What specific habits or supports helped you keep moving forward, and how will you use what you learned to contribute at Mount Ellis Academy?

Share an example of a time you saw a need and took action to help others. What did you do, what obstacles did you encounter, and what impact did your actions have? How do you plan to practice leadership through service at MEA?

Describe a time you chose to participate even when it would have been easier to step back. What motivated you, and what did you learn about courage, perseverance, or community?

Describe a setback or limitation you've experienced. How did it change the way you understand others' needs, and how has it influenced the way you serve or encourage people around you?