

## Scholarship Criteria

CANAL FULTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

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### Gladys Burgert-Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

**What It Is:** A one time \$500 college scholarship awarded yearly in August for the upcoming school year.

**Who Can Receive It:** Any Heritage Society Member planning to attend an accredited school or university full-time (in either an under-graduate or graduate program) within the up-coming school year.

**Application Process:** Complete and return an application by May. Because we believe that it takes both hands on experience and personal reflection to bolster a sense of civic pride we ask that all applicants perform 20 hours of volunteer service with the Canal Fulton Heritage Society and write an original essay of 500 – 700 words. The essay and volunteer hours must be submitted by July 31. The winner will be asked to provide proof of enrollment in an accredited school.

**Volunteer Hours:** Many opportunities and various types of service exist including yard work, painting, cleaning, working in the Museum or Gift Shop, conducting tours or helping during events. Applicants should indicate on their application areas that they have specific strengths and interests. Applicants will be assigned to a trustee or member who will help track their hours and provide suggestions and direction. All service hours must be approved through this supervisor prior to completion.

**Essay topic:** "What I learned about the history of Canal Fulton, the importance of preserving that history and the impact of that history on us today."

**Selection Process:** Essays will be turned into the Scholarship Committee Chairperson who will replace all names with coded numbers, make three copies of each essay and present these to three judges who are familiar with both the history of Canal Fulton and formal writing. The judges will independently read each essay, rank them and return them to the Chairperson who will announce the winner. In case of a tie the Board of Trustees will determine the winner. Recipients will be notified and presented with a check on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> in a public reception.