



The Foster and Adoptive Mission (FAM) community collaborative created a \$1000 scholarship in the loving memory of Katherine “Kay” Wyrick, whose outstanding volunteer work has touched and changed the many lives she came in contact with.

Kay Wyrick was born on May 18, 1923 and resided in Waterbury for many years. Mrs. Wyrick was a long time activist and volunteer on behalf of abused, neglected and pregnant youth. She surmounted overwhelming odds to become a role model for those who cared about others. Mrs. Wyrick was a ward of the state from the age of 13 to the age of 21. She was brought to Waterbury as a domestic caretaker. Several years later, she decided to become a foster parent. Mrs. Wyrick and her husband nurtured over 75 young adults by helping them stay off the streets develop good work habits and learn the value of money. She established a group home for girls. Mrs. Wyrick crusaded against racial injustice throughout her life. She was a lifetime member of the NAACP and fought to have Black History taught in local schools.



Over the course of 55 years of service, Mrs. Wyrick received numerous awards for her commitment to young people. She was honored by the Waterbury Bar Association as the first recipient of the Liberty Award. She was also honored by the NAACP as the first to receive the Region II Youth Advisor Award. She was one of the five people to earn the Connecticut Jefferson Award given to people who go above and beyond the call of duty volunteering in their community. Mrs. Wyrick won the Hiram Hayden Award that recognizes those who have given their time and talent for the betterment of their fellow citizens. She also received the Humanitarian Award by the Andersons Boys Club. In 1999, Mrs. Wyrick was honored as an outstanding parent for National Parents Day. She was one of eleven people selected for the nationwide tribute that acknowledges parents who are working to keep children safe, healthy and drug free. Mrs. Wyrick was the founder of the PRIDE NAACP YOUTH CENTER located in Waterbury, Connecticut where she volunteered her time to deprived youth. On July 12, 2006, at the age of 83, Mrs. Wyrick passed away. She had consistently devoted her time to the development of young people. She encouraged children to get an education and pressed parents to be involved in their children's educational goals. She urged men to be fathers to their children and she encouraged adults to be role models to youth. Mrs. Wyrick's determination and dedication set her on a path from which she never deviated. Mrs. Wyrick, a wife, a mother, and an inspiring mentor illuminated the lives of many people.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

You must meet the following criteria to apply for this scholarship

- Students must be a high school senior and enrolled as a full time student.
- Student should have been in foster care for one consecutive year
- Student must be a resident of Connecticut
- Student should have a G.P.A of a C (2.0) or better
- Student should be a child of color, preferably African American or of African ancestry
- Student should major in a field related to working with children in the community (Social Work, Human Services, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, or closely related field)
- Student must be accepted into or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program (University, College or Community College)

Application Checklist

- Copy of official or unofficial transcript from most recent school attended
- Two page, double space typed essay
- Application release form
- Copy of acceptance letter

Please note: Once awarded, scholarship will be mailed directly to the post-secondary school that recipient is registered to attend. Funds will only be available through the school. Scholarship awardees will receive the first installment of their scholarship (\$500.00) upon submitting proof of registration at an accredited post-secondary program (University, College or Community College). The second installment of the scholarship will be awarded after receipt of student's transcript including all grades from first semester. A minimum GPA of 2.5 (B-/C+) or better and no failing (F) grades in any classes will be required for release of the second installment of the scholarship monies. Awardees who fail to submit required transcript in a timely manner will forfeit the remaining scholarship monies. Awardees who do not maintain the required GPA will also forfeit the remaining scholarship monies.

Please mail application to:
 Department of Children and Families
 c/o Joe Baranowski FAM
 395 West Main Street
 Waterbury, CT 06702

Application must be date stamped by the scholarship committee personnel on April 1st or postmarked by the closing date of April 1st. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.



Kay Wyrick Scholarship
for graduating high school seniors of color
 395 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06702
 Phone: (203) 706.0101
 Email: joseph.baranowski@ct.gov



Last Name:	Middle Name:	First Name:	Date of Birth:
Permanent Address:			Gender: Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>

Home:	Cell Number:
Email:	What is your living status?

Are you a US Citizen? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security:
Permanent Alien: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Alien Registration #A:
Country of Citizenship:	

College Preferences	School Address and phone number	Accepted
1. _____	_____	
2. _____	_____	

In one paragraph, briefly explain your foster care experience (use the back of this form if necessary):

Essay question

Mrs. Kay Wyrick's dedication to the community was above and beyond the call of volunteerism. The scholarship committee is interested in knowing more about your community service. In a two page, double spaced typed essay; explain your volunteer experiences within your community. Please describe your reasons for pursuing a Human Services/Social Work career as well as your professional goals. Explain why you think you are the best candidate to receive this scholarship.

Information Release form

I certify that all information supplied in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Accordingly, any deliberate falsification or omission of data may result in denial of scholarship. All information is subject to verification and falsification of any information may result in termination of any award granted.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian/Social Worker name
(Signature required if applicant is under 18)

Signature

Date