



The Debra Jennings and Ashley Macklin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the lives of Debra Jennings and Ashley (Jennings) Macklin, two Lima City School teachers who gave their all to their families, their friends, the school district, and their students.

Debra Jennings was a 30-year veteran teacher for the Lima City Schools before her breast cancer battle forced her to retire in 2011. During her teaching career, she taught fifth through eighth grade English for both the Computer Science Magnet and the Development of Creative Minds at South Middle School. While there, Mrs. Jennings also piloted the school's original inclusion program for students with special needs and served as the adviser to the National Honor Society. During her tenure with the LCS, Mrs. Jennings was a part of the various groups directly supporting the school system, including being a member of the Lima Education Association, the Lima Senior Athletic Boosters, serving as their secretary for four years, a member of the Lima Senior High School Football Moms, a former track coach for the Lima City Schools, and past officer and member of Parent Teacher Student Organizations at Whitter Elementary, North and South Middle Schools. A dedicated and passionate teacher, Debra respected the unique differences among her students and encouraged them to step outside the box to try new things. She pushed those in her life to be great and want success. Debra always had her children's best interests at heart, and she was a fierce advocate for equality among every student.

Ashley Macklin was a dedicated pre-school teacher in the Lima City Schools for 13 years. During her time in the district, she was part of the Unity Building Leadership Team where she was responsible for helping make decisions for the school, as well as collecting and analyzing student data. Ashley knew the importance of giving back and helping others. As a role model to her students and co-workers, she often volunteered to mentor new teachers, helping them navigate the world of employment and offering guidance or advice when needed. Her love of teaching was evident in everything she did, including becoming a Cooperating Teacher for Bowling Green State University students. In this role multiple education majors would come to shadow Ashley and learn from her expertise. A talented athlete, Ashley was passionate about school athletics and coached both track and volleyball at the junior high and high school levels. She was especially proud of the students she taught and coached, always instilling a positive attitude and influence upon them.

Debra and Ashley were the ultimate mother-daughter duo. They made sure their students knew what was expected of them, gave them individualized attention, advocated for them, encouraged them, and supported them. Their passion and dedication to the children of the Lima community was extraordinary and the hope is through this scholarship we can continue their legacy of excellence, generosity, and service.

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To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- Must be an **Allen County (Ohio)** High School Senior.
- Provide evidence of acceptance at an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school.
- Have a **2.5** grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit a completed application form which must be accompanied by:
 - **Two (2)** recent letters of recommendations
 - From any non-family adult with whom you have had contact through school or community activities, such as a teacher, coach, employer, pastor, guidance counselor, para-professional, principal, assistant principal, or other school official.
 - A recent high school transcript
 - A statement of financial need – a short essay that describes why you need additional funds to further your education.
 - A 500-word essay on **one (1)** of the following topics:
 - How do you plan to use your education or career to be an advocate for children, especially those from underserved communities?
 - How has your past motivated you to become an advocate for children?

Criteria for selection include academic performance and participation in school and community activities, a recommendation, and an essay. The Scholarship Committee may elect not to award scholarships if, in its judgment, suitable candidates cannot be identified.

The application must be postmarked no later than **April 11, 2025.**

Please send the original completed application to:

The Lima Community Foundation,

P.O. Box 1086

Lima, Ohio 45802-1086.

Attn: The Debra Jennings and Ashley Macklin Memorial Scholarship

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A. About You. (Please Print)

Legal Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Birthdate: (Month/Day/Year)

Number of years living in Allen County

Mother/Guardian's name:

Occupation:

Father/Guardian's name:

Occupation:

Number of Siblings:

Are you related to Debra Jennings or Ashley Macklin?

B. Education

What high school do you attend? _____

What college or university do you plan to attend?

What specialty/major do you plan to pursue?

Have you applied? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

(If selected a copy of your acceptance letter from the school you are attending is required.)

C. High School Transcript

High School Class Ranking _____ out of _____

Cumulative GPA _____ On a scale of: _____

****Please also include a copy of your most recent transcript. ****

D. Extracurricular Activities (Please attach a separate piece of paper if needed)

List any jobs, sports, programs, and activities in which you have participated at school or in your community, along with years participated. (such as after school jobs, summer jobs, school sports, music groups, bands or choirs, clubs, student government, church groups, or volunteer service).

Job/Sport/Program/Activities

Dates Participated

E. Statement of financial need. (Please attach a separate piece of paper)

- In 200 words or less describes why you need additional funds to further your education.

F. Essay Question (Please attach a separate piece of paper)

- Write a 500-word essay on one (1) of the following topics:
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G. Letters of Recommendation

- Two (2) recent letters of recommendations:
 - From any non-family adult with whom you have had contact through school or community activities, such as a teacher, coach, employer, pastor, guidance counselor, para-professional, principal, assistant principal, or other school official.

H. Statement of Acknowledgement

I, _____, give permission to the officials of the school to release my transcripts and other related information requested for award consideration. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I hereby consent to release for possible publication my name, scholarship information, photo(s) and/or video images taken by any authorized Lima Community Foundation (LCF) employee, school agents, or any media representative for news and/or publicity purposes. It is further understood that this consent is not required to receive a scholarship. This may include television, newspaper, magazine article, social media sites and/or LCF publications. I waive my right to inspect or approve the finished copy, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I hereby certify that the information set forth in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature (If under the age of 18) _____

Date: _____