

# MARJORIE HOFTIEZER O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Gaylord Hoftiezer Historical Endowment  
Through the  
Castlewood Historical Society

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

- Be a current graduate of Castlewood High School.
- Be accepted by an accredited two or four year college or vocational school.
- Have a 2.5 or higher grade point average (GPA).
- Express an interest in pursuing education as a career path.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print all requested information. Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.

- Prepare a 250 – word essay on the following topic:

*What educator has had the most influence on your life and how have they influenced your decision to pursue a career in education?*

- The essay portion of the application is worth 30% of your total score. It is the most important section of the application; please make sure to use spell-check and grammar-check before submitting your essay.
- Have a high school teacher or guidance counselor complete the Educator's statement and put in a sealed envelope.
- Include a copy of your most recent High School grade transcript.
- Submit application and all attachments to the Castlewood School Administrative office prior to March 31.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- One scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded on a one time basis and will not be renewable.
- Award will be issued payable to educational institution at the beginning of second semester of academic year.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Award recipient will be determined by the Castlewood Education Foundation, based on submitted application and required material.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

10% - Education and Career Goals

20% - Academics (grades, class rank, SAT or ACT scores)

10% - Educators Statement

10% - Personal (Employment, extra circular activities, honors, community service)

10% - Financial Need

40% - Essay

## MARJORIE HOFTIEZER O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Please complete all pages of this application.

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Grade Point Average (please provide your unweighted GPA cumulative through your 7<sup>th</sup> semester) \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

College or Vocational School Attending or Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated from CHS \_\_\_\_\_

Are any members of your family active members of the Castlewood Historical Society? If yes, provide details.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** List your work experience over the last two years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. Attach additional page if necessary.

COMPANY	POSITION	EMPLOYED FROM	EMPLOYED TO	AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., athletics, student government, clubs). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Years (1,2,3,4)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

**COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** List all nonpaid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Years (1,2,3,4)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

**AWARDS AND HONORS:** List all awards and honors received in the last four years (including academic, sports, and community honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Year(s)	Award or Honor	Comments (Describe Honor and Why Given)

**GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS:**

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** Describe any additional information you feel the selection committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need or hardships overcome. Do not answer this question if you feel that there are no special circumstances or important facts to relay.

**SUBMIT ESSAY AS ATTACHMENT:** Essay should be approximately 250 words, typed or printed, 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Please address one of the following statements:

**What educator has had the most influence on your life and how have they influenced your decision to pursue a career in education?**

## **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to the Castlewood Education Foundation and the Castlewood Historical Society to use my name and likeness to promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship award.

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**APPLICANT**

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**DATE**

### **Make Sure Your Application Is Complete:**

- Completed Application Form
- Transcript (7 semesters)
- 250-Word Essay
- Educator's Statement
- Submit application and all attachments to the Castlewood School Administrative office prior to March 31.

**You Must Have All Items On Checklist To Be Considered.**

**EDUCATOR'S STATEMENT**  
**MAJORIE HOFTIEZER O'BRIEN SCHOLARSHIP**

**This Page Is To Be Completed By One of Your Teachers or Your High School Guidance Counselor  
To be submitted by student of completed application.**

**Teacher/Counselor:** Please fill out and place in a sealed envelope before returning to student.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's/Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe whatever you feel is important about this student, including academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in candidate's motivation, commitments to service, integrity, and special talents, hardships overcome (if applicable) and initiative. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this student from others. Attach additional page if necessary.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE