

Don & Marilyn Putoff Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in the winter of 2019 to honor lifelong Clay City resident and local businessman, Don Putoff. Don graduated from Clay City High School in 1953 where he excelled in basketball and baseball. After graduation, he declined numerous offers to play basketball across the country. Don continued to work to help support his widowed mother and three siblings. He was the owner of Standard Oil Gas Station in Clay City before he was given the opportunity to purchase the Chevrolet dealership in 1967. Don would remain the owner of this business until he retired in 1999. Additionally, he maintained ownership of the local auto parts store for many years. Don loved Clay City, the local businesses, school, the summertime fair, and most of all, the people. He generously donated time and money to make the community better. Don was awarded the Clay City High School Distinguished Alumni award in 1999. Upon learning of this honor, he remarked "how can this go to me, I didn't even go to college". They assured him it was for someone who made a difference, college was not a requirement. Marilyn, Don's wife, passed away in March 2021. Don was the love of her life as they were married for over 50 years.

The Don & Marilyn Putoff Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship that focuses on rewarding ambitious, hard-working individuals who are not going to college but need support to obtain present and future goals. The recipient and amount will be determined based upon the individual needs of the applicant.

The following will be taken into consideration:

Future Endeavors

- Future military service
- Hard worker with a detailed plan for use of scholarship money

Leadership

- Desire to be a leader
- Exemplifies reliability and dependability
- Willingness to help others

Service

- Works well with others
- Willingly takes on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities

Character

- Consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior:
 - *Respectfulness*
 - *Honesty*
 - *Friendly*
 - *School Spirit*
 - *Motivation*
 - *Loyalty*
 - *Integrity*

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- Cooperates by complying with all school policies, regulations and codes of student conduct to include positive school attendance history

Do you qualify for this scholarship? Do you need gas money, new suit/clothing, or a haircut for a job interview? You qualify. Have you enlisted in the military and want a meal out with family prior to your report date? You qualify. If there is a need you have but it's not listed, please apply for consideration. This scholarship was created to help you.

Completed applications should be returned to the guidance office.

Application for Don & Marilyn Putoff Memorial Scholarship

Each question must be answered completely. Application and essay due no later than **APRIL 25TH, 2025** to the Clay City High School Guidance Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mother's name, occupation, and address:

Father's name, occupation, and address:

Name of siblings, if any: _____

Elementary school attended: _____

Junior high school attended: _____

High School attended: _____

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Post-high school plans:

Explain any special circumstances/financial need, if any:

Extra-curricular activities (both school and community):

If you are awarded this scholarship and one day find yourself financially secure, would you be willing to donate to this scholarship to continue its support of those in need?
