

# MARY JOHN GOREE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

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# A NEW CHAPTER

- In 2014, the Superior Court of New Jersey, with the full support of the attorneys general of Colorado and New Jersey, approved a plan setting aside a portion of the Goree Scholarship Fund at Princeton for Las Animas County residents to be used for scholarships at four-year colleges and universities (but not junior colleges or trade schools) other than Princeton.
- **The Mary John Goree Scholarship at Princeton University continues to be available for Las Animas County residents with no change in eligibility requirements, selection process, or rules governing the determination of the amount of awards. It continues to be administered by Princeton University. Students may apply for both scholarships!**

# OUR MOST RECENT CLASS

- Michael Duran, Primero High School, University of Colorado Boulder
- Malachi Jones, Hoehne High School, Missouri University of Science and Technology
- Sophie Sheumaker, Trinidad High School, Emerson College

# COLLEGES ATTENDED BY OUR SCHOLARS

- COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY (5)
- ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY (2)
- SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY (2)
- UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER (2)
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
- EMERSON COLLEGE
- JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY (DENVER)
- MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS
- UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PEMBROKE
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
- UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
- WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

# THE MARY JOHN GOREE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

- Colorado nonprofit corporation and private foundation
- Governed by a board of 7 directors:
  - David J. Vandermeulen, J.D., Ph.D., President
  - Trevor S. Brown
  - Richard J. Compton
  - John E. Garcia
  - Kathleen Griego
  - Patricia McFarland, Secretary
  - Amy Newnam, J.D., Treasurer
- Guided by William M. John's belief that if Las Animas County students work hard and excel in their studies, they can compete with anyone and should never impose limits on their dreams.
- Not involved in the administration of the Mary John Goree Scholarship at Princeton University.
- In its business dealings and its scholarship selection process, the Foundation maintains a strict policy of avoiding conflicts of interest, or the appearance thereof. Members of the Foundation's board of directors are required to refer potential conflicts of interest to the other members of the board for a determination as to whether an actual conflict of interest exists.

# WHERE THE SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE USED

- It may be used at any four-year college or university in the United States (other than Princeton University).
- It may not be used at junior colleges.
- It may not be used at trade schools.
- When finalists appear before the Board for their personal interview, they must submit a list of up to eight (8) colleges and universities. Should a finalist be selected as a recipient, that student may only use his/her Las Animas Goree Scholarship at one of the colleges and universities on the list the finalist submitted at the time of his/her interview PLUS the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University Fort Collins or the University of Colorado Boulder. If a finalist wants to use his/her Scholarship at a campus of Colorado State University or the University of Colorado other than Fort Collins or Boulder, such as Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo, that college must be included on the list the finalist submits at the time of the interview.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

- High school senior applying to college in 2019-2020
- Bona fide, legal and actual resident of Las Animas County, Colorado at the time of selection
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Plan to enroll fulltime in a fully accredited four-year college or university in the United States

# WHO'S ELIGIBLE? (CONTINUED)

- Must meet ONE of the following criteria:
  - Have an **UNWEIGHTED** cumulative grade point average for the first three years of high school of a 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent **IRRESPECTIVE** of standardized test scores
  - Have an **UNWEIGHTED** cumulative grade point average for the first three years of high school of 3.60 to 3.74 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent **AND** have earned a combined score (evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics) of 1,060 or higher on the SAT **OR** a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT.
  - Have earned a combined score (evidence-based reading and mathematics) of 1,290 or higher on the SAT **OR** a composite score of 29 or higher on the ACT **IRRESPECTIVE** of cumulative GPA.
- Relatives of the board of directors ARE NOT eligible.

# HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP? AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS

- Students apply for the Scholarship through an online application process.
- The online application was opened on September 3 and can be accessed through the Foundation's website, [www.gorescholarship.org](http://www.gorescholarship.org).
- The application must be submitted by 3:00 PM Central on October 14.
- The Board of the Foundation will review applications and supporting documents. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected as finalists by November 18.
- The Board will conduct in-person interviews of the finalists on December 8.
- The recipient(s) will be announced within two weeks following the interviews and generally before the recipient(s) must make his or her final college enrollment decision. A list of alternate(s) may be created.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Students are required to submit a transcript from each high school they have attended, beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 11th grade, as well as a transcript from any junior or four-year college where they have taken course(s), if applicable, through the end of their 11th grade year, unless grades from such course(s) are included on a high school transcript.
- The SAT is required, but students who have taken the ACT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or Advanced Placement Tests may submit those scores if they so choose. Students may submit photostatic copies of their test scores. The Board will also accept test scores appearing on a student's high school transcript.
- Students may submit supporting documents with their application until the application deadline of Monday, October 14 at 3:00 PM Central. If students have not submitted their supporting documents by the application deadline, supporting documents may be submitted by their counselor with the counselor's recommendation until the counselor's recommendation deadline of Thursday, October 17 at 3:00 PM Central. All supporting documents must be received by 3:00 PM Central on October 17.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- We require two recommendations. One must be from your counselor. The other must be from a teacher who has taught you in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We're pleased to announce that recommendations can now be uploaded directly. It is no longer necessary or possible to email or mail recommendations.
- All recommendations must be submitted by 3:00 PM Central on Thursday, October 17.

# WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA?

- **Academics:** Students are required to submit a transcript from each high school they have attended, beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as a transcript from any junior or four-year college where they have taken course(s), if applicable, unless grades from such course(s) are included on a high school transcript; collectively, transcripts must include grades for all courses taken from the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade through the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Senior year grades are not required and are not considered.
- **Tests:** Performance on tests designed to measure ability and aptitude for academic work. The SAT is required, but students who have taken the ACT, SAT Subject Tests scores and/or Advanced Placement Tests may submit those scores if they so choose;
- **Recommendations:** one and only one evaluation from a counselor and one and only one evaluation from a teacher who has taught the applicant during 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade is required;
- **Leadership:** Evidence of leadership in and service to the school and the larger community;
- **Special Talent and Non-academic Achievement:** Extracurricular activities and special talents, including [but not limited to] athletics, the arts, speech, student government and employment;
- **Character:** Strength of character, including concern for others as shown by service to school, religious organization and/or community, commitment to a cause greater than oneself and overcoming obstacles; and
- **Readiness for a Demanding Four-Year College Education:** Extent to which (a) the student's contemplated major and/or career path require a four-year college education (and cannot be satisfied at a junior college or a trade school or with only a high school diploma), (b) the student has thoughtfully assembled a list of colleges to which the student intends to apply in which the colleges represent a range of difficulty of admission for that particular student and that have reputable programs in the student's field (s) of interest, and (c) the student has demonstrated the intellectual curiosity that will enable and motivate the student to make the best possible use of the academic resources at the college the student decides to attend.

# FINAL NOTES ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS AND A WORD ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA

- Every year our selection process has been very competitive and we expect the same this year.
- Our Board has contracted with Scholarship America, a nonprofit provider of scholarship services, for assistance in administration of the application process. The Board is responsible for establishing the scholarship process and the selection criteria, reviewing scholarship applications, interviewing applicants and making all scholarship award decisions. Scholarship America oversees the administrative details of the application process including maintaining the e-application, communicating with applicants regarding receipt of the application, forwarding the applications to the Board and maintaining the records of the scholarship process. Appropriate security features have been put into place to maintain the confidentiality of information submitted during the application process.

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- All recipients, (first-time and renewing) whose total estimated costs for tuition, fees, living expenses (room and board) and miscellaneous expenses (transportation, books, supplies and personal expenses), as published by their college, ARE LESS than the amount of Princeton University's tuition and fees for the year of the award (\$51,870 in 2019-2020) will receive a full ride scholarship award for tuition, fees, living expenses and miscellaneous expenses without regard to the recipient's or their family's financial circumstances.
- If the total cost of attending a college exceeds the cost of tuition and fees at Princeton (\$51,870 in 2019-2020), the recipient will receive a minimum award equal to the greater of (a) the cost of tuition and fees at Princeton or (b) the cost of tuition and fees at the college the recipient is attending. Minimum awards are applied first to tuition and fees and then to living and miscellaneous expenses. If, after the application of the minimum award, the student still has unmet living and/or miscellaneous expenses, the student may apply for a need-based award with respect to those unmet living and/or miscellaneous expenses.

# MORE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- In effect, this means that all recipients who attend public colleges or universities within Colorado receive full ride scholarships for tuition, fees, living expenses and miscellaneous expenses.
- All awards are at the discretion of the Board and will be based, in part, on the funds available for spending, commitment to current recipients and the size of the awards.
- The number of the awards is determined annually by the Board. The Foundation has awarded as many as 6 scholarships (Class of 2018) and as few as 3 scholarships (Class of 2019) in a year, but most years, including 2019-2020, we will likely award 4 or 5 scholarships.
- Scholarships are for one year, but are renewable for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, which ever occurs first.
- Payments are generally made directly to the educational institution of the recipient, although it is possible that some payments may be made directly to the recipient.

# WHAT RECIPIENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Recipients have until May 1 to notify the Foundation that the recipient is accepting the Foundation's offer of a scholarship and what college or university the recipient intends to attend. If the recipient's minimum award doesn't cover all of the recipient's living and/or miscellaneous expenses and the recipient wishes to be considered for a need-based award of funds in addition to the minimum award, the recipient must provide the Foundation with financial information that is specified on the Foundation's website. The Foundation does not solicit financial information from applicants during the selection process.
- The scholarship recipient is required to sign a written agreement setting forth the terms of the scholarship, including (i) the specific purpose of the scholarship; (ii) its amount and duration; (iii) conditions and procedures for renewal; (iv) the institution to which it will be paid; (v) requirements for reports, if any, including the due dates for such reports; and (vi) any other expectations of the recipient during the scholarship period.

# WHAT RECIPIENTS NEED TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

- Scholarship recipients must submit transcripts at the end of each quarter/semester. Awards are renewable for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned whichever occurs first. A formal policy with respect to the renewal of scholarships is posted on the Foundation's website. While there are provisions for warnings and probation, the gist of the policy is that a student who maintains at least a 3.0 GPA on both a quarterly/semester and cumulative basis will not have to worry about having his/her scholarship renewed.
- Policies on transferring, study abroad and deferral can now be found on the Foundation's website, [www.gorescholarship.org](http://www.gorescholarship.org).

# ADVICE TO YOUNGER STUDENTS

- A successful applicant's curriculum will be strong in traditional college-preparatory courses in the core subjects of English, mathematics, foreign language, social studies and science (including biology, physics and chemistry). The Board believes that traditional college-preparatory courses should not be neglected in favor of vocational courses or elective courses outside of the core subjects that are more appropriately taken in college.
- Keep pass-fail classes to a minimum. When reviewing transcripts, the Board is assessing the readiness of an applicant to undertake a demanding college curriculum. It is difficult for the Board to be confident that an applicant has the necessary readiness if his/her transcript contains a significant number of pass-fail courses, particularly if those pass-fail courses are in the core subject areas of English, mathematics, social studies, science and foreign language.

# HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Go to our website, [www.gorescholarship.org](http://www.gorescholarship.org). This PowerPoint and tonight's PowerPoint on the Princeton Goree Scholarship can be found on the website.
- Follow us on Facebook!
- If you have questions or encounter difficulty with the online application, you may email Scholarship America at [lasanimasgoree@scholarsapply.org](mailto:lasanimasgoree@scholarsapply.org) or call toll-free 1-800-537-4180 and ask for the Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship Program.

BE A PART OF WILLIAM M. JOHN'S VISION FOR THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE OF LAS ANIMAS COUNTY!

