

About The Virginia J. Crockett Scholarship Fund

Virginia J. (O'Reilly) Crockett (1920-2012) served as Ritter's librarian and administrative assistant to the principal for nearly 20 years. She is remembered for her strong commitment to academics, Catholic education, and dedication to her family and those in need of help and support. She strongly believed that kindness, forgiveness, hard work, good manners, a good book and commitment to God and family was testament to a life well lived. Her family aims to honor her memory by providing an annual scholarship to a deserving student.

Virginia Crockett Scholarship Fund Criteria

The Virginia Crockett Scholarship Fund aims to support a student who has a proven academic record, and leadership or service credentials, who aims to further their academic goals at a 4-year college or university or trade school. The student chosen to receive the scholarship will receive financial support with a \$2,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the academic institution of their choice as well as mentorship from a member of the extended Crockett family who can offer experience from Fortune 50 technology companies as well as high profile government services.

Criteria includes:

- A minimum of a 3.0 GPA and student status in good standing
- Participation in at least one school activity, community involvement or a part-time job. Leadership position preferred but not mandatory.
- Display at least a moderate financial need (expects to have some debt or to work to pay for secondary education).
- Recommendation from one teacher. Student's Common App recommendation may be used.
- A 500-750 word essay on the following topic: *Who is a key influential person or people that you look up to and admire and how have they influenced who you have become?*

Scholarship Applications:

Applicants can fill out the attached form for submission, along with their essay. Teacher recommendations can be submitted in conjunction with the form or separately. Applications are due by April 1, 2022.

Scholarship Interviews:

Finalists will be contacted, and an interview will be scheduled during the April 20-22, 2022 timeframe.

Scholarship Announcements:

The scholarship recipient will be awarded in May at the Cardinal Ritter High School annual awards.

