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132 Hampstead Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31405

## Memorial Scholarship

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The Grady Young Foundation, Inc. (GYF) Scholarship Program is accepting applications from high school students who will be graduating this spring. A complete application package must be submitted to the scholarship committee **no later than March 1 of each year**. Applications hand delivered or postmarked after March 1 of each year will be ineligible.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Grady Young Foundation Memorial Scholarship application. Complete all fields – **Type/Print**
- A written essay
- A completed certificate of academic standing form *or if reapplying for the Gaynell B. Young Williams Memorial Scholarship, submit a current official transcript from your present institution*
- At least one personal recommendation

To receive written notification of your application status, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For additional information contact:

Virginia J. Morrison, Ed.D, Chairperson, 912-355-5832, or [vmorriso@bellsouth.net](mailto:vmorriso@bellsouth.net).

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution.
- Applicant must have applied for admission into at least one accredited institution of higher learning for the **Fall of current** school term.
- Applicant must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Applicant must provide at least one recommendation from an official of current school, community organization, church or an employer.
- An Official Transcript from applicant's current high school indicating mastery of End of Course Tests (EOCT) and/or Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) additionally SAT/ACT Scores
- An **Acceptance Letter** from institution applicant intends to attend in the Fall of current year
- Applicant must have completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA)**.
- The applicant must reside within the state of Georgia (not applicable to those eligible for the Relative Award).
- Applicant and parent/guardian signatures required, if applicant is under the age of 18.

### QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS

- An **essay type** written on one of the following topics:
  1. **My chosen field of study is ...because ...**
  2. **How my community, church or family has influenced me**
  3. **Why it is important for me to attend college**
  4. **American History "What I love about American History" (Marion "Paulette" Lott Applicants Only)**

Failure to address one of the specified topics disqualifies essay. The essay should be from 350 to 500 words, **typed and double-spaced**. Points will be deducted for less than 350 or more than 500 words. Essay will be rated on content, depth, grammar, organization, and originality.



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- **Official cumulative GPA on the Certification of Academic Standing Form OR current official transcript from present institution**
  - **Official Transcript** including grades for ninth grade through semester ending in January 2014. Transcript must include mastery status of the GHSGT and EOCT.
  - There is a designated award for a student whose GPA is in the range 2.0000-2.9994.
  - There is a designated award for a relative (child, grandchild or family member) of Grady & Eloise Young.
  - A **mandatory personal interview consisting of oral presentation of the applicant's essay and a question/response period will be required of Memorial Scholarship Finalists**. Finalists will be determined by essay, interview, and cumulative GPA scores.
  - Financial assistance up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per year will be awarded for the Grady Young Memorial Scholarship; \$1,000.00 for Eloise Mosley Young Memorial Scholarship, and a minimum of \$500.00 for the other named scholarships.
  - A wallet-sized photo of applicant (photo will not be returned)
  - The applicant must reside within the State of Georgia (not applicable to those eligible for the Relative Award and the Marion "Paulette" Lott Memorial Scholarships).

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## **Tips for Applications & Other Documents**

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To All Applicants for Grady Young Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Program:

The Scholarship Committee is providing these tips, and hope that you will find them useful in completing your GYF Scholarship application package, and in other life experiences.

- **Read** all instructions and related information thoroughly.
- If you have questions, **request clarification** from the contact person(s).
- Follow **all** instructions to the letter.
- **Do not** wait until the "last minute" before the deadline to prepare your application or to request documents needed from others (e.g. certifications, recommendations). Some unexpected event may occur at the "last minute" which will prevent you from completing and mailing your application on time.
- When you write an essay, **give it a title** and include the title on the typed paper. The title need not be the same as the topic.
- **Be sure** your name, or the specified means of identification, is on each page submitted.
- Make a **copy of each page for your records**.
- If you pay for postage, **get a receipt and retain it for proof** that you met the mailing deadline.



**Be sure package is complete!**



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912-355-5832 or 912-308-5384**

### **Purpose**

Scholarships will be awarded in memory of Grady Young, Lucy Mariah Eloise Mosley Young, Jessie Irene Estelle Young Johnson, Mollie Marie Young Johnson, Gaynell B. Young Williams, and Marion "Paulette" Lott. The scholarships will be provided annually to deserving graduating high school seniors and or continuing education students in need of financial assistance to attend colleges, universities, or vocational technical schools of their choice. Awards will be specialized for the relative award as established by the eligibility guidelines.

### **Criteria**

- Students must qualify for Financial Aid (FAFSA).
- Students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) during their high school career.
- Students must have proof of master of the End of Course Tests (EOCT) and/or Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) additionally SAT/ACT Scores.

**\* Financial assistance up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per year will be awarded through the Memorial Scholarships for Grady Young and \$1,000.00 for Eloise Mosley Young. A minimum of \$500.00 will be awarded through the Memorial Scholarships for Irene Johnson, Marie Johnson, Gaynell B. Young Williams, and Marion " Paulette" Lott.**

**\*It is important to read DESCRIPTORS below to know the history of each scholarship.**

### **Descriptors**

#### **The Grady Young Memorial Scholarship**

Grady Young was a lifetime residence of Hall County, Georgia. He was the husband of the late Eloise Mosley Young for over 59 years and father of six children (four daughters and two sons) whom he sacrificed his time and effort for them to get an education, as he only completed the 5th grade.

As a dedicated member of the Cross Plains Missionary Baptist Church for over 61 years, he was affectionately called "Deacon Grady Young". He served in many capacities such as Church Treasurer, Superintendent of Sunday School, Chairman of Deacons, and Chairman of Trustees for many years. Being a devout deacon, he served as Layman President and Treasurer of the Congress of Christian Education for the Northwestern Baptist Association of Georgia.

His civic endeavors included: Hall County Board of Family and Children Services, Forest Hill Boys Club, Hall County Voters League and the defunct Southside Chamber of Commerce.

He was a skilled carpenter, who retired from the Seaboard Coastline, and served as a community and political activist. He was an innovator, communicator, initiator, leader, spiritual advisor, and counselor.



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**Eligibility:** The recipient of this award will be presented to one interested in the area of Political Science, Sociology, Vocational Technology, Religious Education, and is a resident of Gainesville/Hall County, Georgia.

### **Lucy Mariah Eloise Mosley Young Memorial Scholarship**

Lucy Mariah Eloise Mosley Young was born in Chattooga County, Georgia. She was the late wife of Grady Young for over 59 years. Being reared under the household of sincere family values and church commitment, her education was demanded as a means to pursue excellence.

Attending the Beulah Rucker Boarding School in Gainesville, Georgia, she learned the importance of education. After finishing school, she taught school within the Hall County School system, married, and became mother of six children (four daughters and two sons). She continued to manifest the need for education by making sure that each of her children had an opportunity to acquire an education. Therefore, she believed that every child should have an opportunity to a quality education. Four of her children and six siblings attended Savannah State University, most graduating with Teaching degrees.

Lovingly remembered as “Miss Eloise”, everyone loved her cooking, gardening, and always knew “The Avon Lady” was on her way every Saturday morning to collect and deliver her wares.

**Eligibility:** The recipient of this scholarship will be awarded to an individual that possesses the qualities/characteristics of Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts, Economics, Teaching, Business Administration and/or Horticultural Studies. The recipient must attend **Savannah State University**.

### **Jessie Irene Estelle Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship (Second Chance Award)**

Jessie Irene Estelle Young Johnson preceded her parents, Grady and Eloise Young, in death. She was born in Hall County, Georgia (Belmont) and was the mother of five children (two sons and three daughters). She was a very dedicated member of the Buford Community.

Her faith led her to become employed within the schools, community, and provided services to others through her skills as a beautician as modeled by Madame C. J. Walker and also through culinary arts in the school cafeteria.

She served her community well as an activist with the Women in Action and assisted others in acquiring access to knowledge and opportunities within her community.

She was the family entertainer and built better relationships through communication, singing, cooking, laughter, social events, spiritual guidance and other attributes. This brought about the first Mosley Grandchildren’s Reunion and it has been going strong for more than 25 years.

**Eligibility:** The recipient of this award will be presented to one who is interested in acquiring a career that would enable them to support and enhance family, receive a quality education, represent family in the community and Early Childhood, Child Development (Parenting), Cosmetology, Mass Communications, Missionary Work and/or Music.

### **Mollie Marie Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship (The Relative Award)**

Mollie Marie Young Johnson was born in Hall County, Georgia (Belmont) to the late Grady and Eloise Young, and was the mother of two sons. For the family, Marie was the Matriarch-in-Waiting. After the death of her sister, Irene Johnson, she helped provide the motherly love for Irene’s family. The bond of family commitment and love shined



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deep in her face and heart. She was the founder of the Dave and Lula Young Family Reunion that began in 1989 and continued as President until her death in January, 2003.

Her dedication to community involvement, school, and church fostered a personality that won the likes of others. She served as data clerk for the Buford Elementary School before her retirement. She was an activist for Women In Action as well as politically astute.

She continued the model of Madam C. J. Walker as an owner and operator of her own Beauty Shop in the Buford Community.

**Eligibility:** The recipient of this award must be a **relative** who is interested in acquiring a career that would enable him/her to support and enhance family, receive a quality education, and represent family in the community through Social work, Cosmetology, Engineering, Computer Technology, Sciences, and/or a Medical career.

### **Gaynell B. Young Williams Memorial Scholarship**

Gaynell B. Young Williams was a lifetime resident of Hall County, Georgia. Her deeds and uncompromising commitment to her family, friends, and church served as an anchor to a life of longevity.

She was a beloved sister of the late Grady Young and at the blessed age of 93 years old was the proud mother of 15 children, 70 grandchildren, 110 great grandchildren, 114 great- great grandchildren, and four great great-great grandchildren. Through these six generations, the legacy of Gaynell has flourished through the Grady Young Foundation, Inc. (GYF) by her daughter and son-in-law, Ann & Halloray Benjamin; her grandson, Jacob Cheeks; and her granddaughter, Gwenell Brown; all Board Directors of GYF. Gaynell B. Young Williams supported GYF since its inception in 2004, and was recognized as one of its "Living Legacies" each year. She was humble in spirit and upon the death of Grady and Eloise Young, she served as the surrogate mother of the Grady Young family, and her love, kindness, wisdom and understanding will never be forgotten.

Her favorite scripture was Psalms 91:1: "**He that dwelleth in the secret places of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty**". As the Mother of Cross Plains Missionary Baptist Church, she served several years as Director of the Willing Workers, Primary Class Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Treasurer, Director of the Youth Choir, President of the Usher Board, Mission, Deaconess and Mothers' Board. Her favorite song was: "**Pray For Me**"; this led her to sing in the Senior Choir and travel with the Gainesville Gospel Singers. Her devotion and dedication to the service of the Lord was evident through the Sunday School Congress, the Northwestern Baptist Association, Youth for Christ Movement, and the State and Local Conventions. For many years, she also worked with Young's Mortuary Funeral Home.

**Eligibility:** The recipient(s) of this award must be a Cross Plains Missionary Baptist Church graduating high school senior, or a continuing student who is furthering his/her education at an institution of higher learning. Upon the discretion of the GYF Scholarship Committee, if funds are available specifically for the Gaynell B. Young Williams Memorial Scholarship, more than one scholarship may be awarded.

### **Marion "Paulette" Lott Memorial Scholarship**

Marion "Paulette" Lott was born February 28, 1951 to the late Johnny Bascom and Gladys Ruth Yarbrough Lott of Gainesville, Georgia. She was the first daughter of two born to this union, along with nine brothers. As legacy records it, Paulette was the granddaughter of Carl and Adele Yarbrough. Dave Young (father of Grady Young) and Carl Yarbrough were first cousins and were devout attendees with their families to the Tanner Young-Yarbrough Family Reunion each year. Paulette served as secretary of the TYY Family Reunion for over 20 years as well as chaired several committees.



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Paulette was such a delight to serve on the Board of Directors of the Grady Young Foundation, Inc. (GYF) for nearly two (2) years. Her devotion, sacrifice, energy, smile and pride were joyous to see as she exercised her expertise in chairing Public Relations and her desire to serve on the Scholarship Committee. She often indicated her delight in being a part of a worthwhile cause for the students and communities of Gainesville/Hall County and other related areas. She often discussed how proud her parents and grandparents would be and she wanted to keep her family involved with the Foundation.

As a mother of two (who preceded her in death) a son, Paul Rashad Singleton and daughter, Conyas Jamika Bryson, her love for the young, and people in general, was evident in each conversation she shared. Paulette was a 1969 graduate of E. E. Butler High School, Gainesville, Georgia, and received her Bachelor and Master's degrees from Brenau University. She attended the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Decatur, Georgia where she served on the Career Ministry. For over 30 years she was employed as a Data Analyst/Supervisor with Equifax, Inc. and retired in 2008. Aside from the TTY Family Reunion and the GYF, Paulette was very active with Creekside Homeowners Association, volunteered for the 2008 President Barack Obama's Campaign, American Organ Donation Association and many other organizations.

On December 23, 2013 her siblings: Beleta Lott-Lockwood, Marvin, Randall, Johnny, Billy, Dwight, and Dexter Lott, agreed upon a \$1,000 scholarship be named in her memory as the Paulette Lott Memorial Scholarship.

**Eligibility:** This scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate who has maintained a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.000, has earned at least ten (10) hours of active Community Service within the current school year, must submit a type written 500 to 1,000 word Essay on "American History", and must provide at least one Letter of Recommendation from a school official of current school. Student must also meet the eligibility requirements of the GYF Scholarship Program.

### **Incentive Awards**

**Incentive Award(s)** with the amount of **\$250.00** each will also be presented to two students who meet the above qualifications and criteria, and are not recipients of one of the Memorial Scholarship Awards *pending available funds*.



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### APPLICANT DETAILS

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Full name (*Last, First, Middle*):

Date of Birth (*MM/DD/YY*):

Social Security (*xxx-xx-xxxx*):

Gender (check one):

Male

Female

### POSTAL ADDRESS

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Street Number and Name:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone (H):

(Cell):

(Fax):

(eMail):

### PARENT/GUARDIAN(S)

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Name:

Street Number and Name:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone (H):

(W):

(Cell):

(Fax):

(eMail):

### GYF RELATION

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Are you a relative of Grady or Eloise Young?

Yes

No

If yes, Relative's Name:

Relative's Home/Work Telephone Number:

### ACADEMICS

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High School:

Anticipated Date of Graduation (*MM/DD/YY*):

Street Number and Name:

City, State, Zip Code:

Cumulative G.P.A.:

Principal's/Counselor's Name:

Principal's/Counselor's Telephone Number:



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School, community, church, or organizational activities:

Honors, awards, and other achievements:

College You Plan to Attend:

Street Number and Name:

City, State, Zip Code:

Intended field of study:

Anticipated Start Date (MM/DD/YY):

Name of Scholarship Award applying for (**Please check only one box**):

- Grady Young Memorial Scholarship
- Eloise Mosley Young Memorial Scholarship (Savannah State University)
- Irene Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship (Second Chance Award)
- Marie Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship (Relative Award)
- Gaynell B. Young Williams Memorial Scholarship (Cross Plains Baptist Church)
- Marion "Paulette" Lott Memorial Scholarship (Volunteerism)

**▼ APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

Signature:

Date:

**▼ PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

Required if applicant is under age 18

Signature:

Date:

**▼ APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1**





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**CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name & Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Identification Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following for the student named above and AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL:**

Is officially enrolled for the 2013-2014 academic term Yes  No

Has mastered all sections of the GHSGT Yes  No

Has Mastered End of Course Tests (EOCT) Yes  No

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please calculate to FOUR DECIMAL PLACES.

College Admission Test Scores

SAT <input type="checkbox"/>	Verbal Score _____	Math Score _____
ACT <input type="checkbox"/>	Verbal Score _____	Math Score _____

Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Counselor/Administrator

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL HERE**