

Mike Eaton Scholarship Application

*Community Foundation of Carroll County,
255 Clifton Boulevard, Westminster MD 21157 (410) 876-5505*

The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the memory of William Granville "Mike" Eaton, English teacher at Westminster High School from 1935 to 1971, with a student scholarship and through recognition of outstanding teachers.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a graduating Westminster Senior High School senior.
2. Be accepted at or already attending college or post secondary school.

Selection will be based on:

1. Essay about the teacher who was your most positive influence.
2. Extra-curricular activities.
3. Decision of the selection committee will be final.
4. Selection committee may decide not to award a scholarship if there are no worthy applicants.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Birth Date: _____ Email address: _____

High School and College Information

Month and Year of Graduation from WHS: _____

Name and location of college or technical school you plan to attend or are currently attending:

Have you been accepted at the above institution? Yes _____ No _____

Parents/Guardians:

Name: _____ Place of employment _____

Position _____

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1. Please complete and attach the essay.
2. Please list your activities at your high school, community (including service clubs or projects), sports, civic groups and church activities in which you have taken part.
3. Tell us anything else we should know about you while we consider your application.

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About the Essay:

William Granville “Mike” Eaton is one of many revered teachers in Carroll County history. From 1935 to 1971, he taught; his students wrote, listened and learned. He brought panache to his classroom with his deck of index cards from which he pulled the targets of his well-placed questions. The cards brought their share of insecurity to the ill-prepared, but Westminster High School seniors began to discover something. Shakespeare wasn’t so bad after all. Mr. Eaton commanded the classroom. Heading the Drama Club at Westminster High School, he also commanded excellence in theatrical offerings.

Students influenced by him include doctors, teachers, lawyers, artists, business and political leaders and an Oscar-winning playwright. Memories about Mr. Eaton have been sent to the Historical Society from all over the world including California, Broadway, Canada and Germany.

Many memories of Mr. Eaton include his insistence on weekly essays, vocabulary drills and memorization of classics including Hamlet and Chaucer. He also directed plays of all sorts from the classics to the Key Club “Follies.” His over-riding traits were his personal interest in his students and his expectation of excellence.

We’ve all had a teacher like Mr. Eaton in our lives; someone who inspires you personally to do your best; someone who demonstrates right from wrong and makes you understand that anything is possible – all while actually teaching the subject matter.

In no more than 500 words, please tell us about your most revered teacher.

Completed applications are due by May 1 and should be sent to:

Historical Society of Carroll County
Mike Eaton Scholarship
210 East Main Street
Westminster, Md. 21157

For more information, contact the Community Foundation of Carroll County at 410-876-5505 or Caroline Babylon at 410-259-6749.