



GRADY YOUNG FOUNDATION, INC.
Scholarship Program
132 Hampstead
Avenue
Savannah, GA 31405

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

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**. **The package must consist of a completed scholarship application form, a written essay or biographical sketch, an official transcript, a completed certification of academic standing form, and at least one personal recommendation. Applications hand delivered or postmarked after March 1 will be ineligible.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Grady Young Foundation Memorial Scholarship application. Complete all fields –**Type/Print - ALSO REQUIRED COMPLETED AND SIGNED GYF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST**
- A type-written essay
- A completed Certificate of Academic Standing Form or if reapplying for a Continuous Education Scholarship, submit a current official transcript from your present institution
- At least one personal recommendation letter.

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

For additional information contact: Virginia J. Morrison, E.D., Chairperson, 912-308-5384, or scholarships@gradyyoungfoundation.org

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution
- Applicant must have applied for admission to 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 on all sections of the **End of Course Test (EOCT) and/Evidence of ACT/SAT 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)**
- Applicant and parent/guardian signatures required if the applicant is under the age of 18 years old.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS

An **essay** 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. **What I Love About American History (Marion “Paulette” Lott Memorial Scholarship only)**
5. **Building My Community (Gerald Franklin Kesler Memorial Scholarship only)**

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

- **Official cumulative GPA on the Certification of Academic Standing Form OR current official transcript** from present institution
- **Official Transcript** including grades from ninth grade through semester ending **January of graduation year**. Transcript **must include mastery status of End of Course Test (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 the 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.
- A wallet-sized photo of applicant (photo will not be returned)

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Tips for Applications & Other Documents

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 needs

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!

**Completed Application Packet must be postmarked and returned by March 1 to:*

*Grady Young Foundation, Inc.
c/o Virginia Morrison, E.D.
132 Hampstead Avenue
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912-308-5384*

The Grady Young Foundation, Inc. Memorial Scholarship Program

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, Marion “Paulette” Lott, Gerald Franklin Kesler, and Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson. These 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.

The Jacob Wilmont Community Athletic Scholarship will be awarded to an athlete who has participated with the Gainesville Hall County Boys and Girls Club, and maintained at least a 2.5 GPA.

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 mastered all End of Course Tests (EOCT)

*** Financial assistance up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 per year may be awarded through the Memorial Scholarships for Grady and Eloise Young and Marion “Paulette” Lott. A maximum of \$500.00 will be awarded through the Memorial Scholarships for Irene Johnson, Marie Johnson, Gaynell B. Young Williams, Gerald Franklin Kesler, and a \$250 Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson Memorial Book Scholarship.**

***It is important to read DESCRIPTORS below to know the history and details 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. The amount of the Grady Young Memorial Scholarship is \$1,500.00 annually.

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 the 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. The amount of the Lucy Mariah Eloise Mosley Young Memorial Scholarship is \$1,000.00 annually.

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. The amount of the Jessie Irene Estelle Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship is \$500.00 annually.

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 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. The amount of the Mollie Marie Young Johnson Memorial Scholarship is \$500.00 annually.

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 for 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, and a host of six generations of 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 of whom are 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 a 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 were 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 in Gainesville, Georgia.

The amount of the Gaynell B. Young Williams Memorial Scholarship is \$500.00 annually.

Eligibility: The recipient(s) of this award must be an **Active Church Member**, graduating high school senior, or a continuing higher education 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 (GYF Scholarship Checklist required with signed Community Service page)

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.

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 scholarship be named in her memory as the Paulette Lott Memorial Scholarship.

The amount of the Marion “Paulette” Lott Memorial Scholarship is \$1,000.00 annually.

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 typewritten 500 to 1,000 words Essay on “American History”, and must provide at least one Letter of Recommendation from a school official of current school. The student must also meet the eligibility requirements of the GYF Scholarship Program.

Gerald Franklin Kesler Memorial Scholarship (GYF Scholarship Checklist Required with signed Community Service page)

Mr. Gerald Franklin Kesler, son of Mrs. Mary Lois Hale Kesler, was born January 5, 1953, in Gainesville, Georgia. He attended the public-school system, Fair Street Elementary School, E.E. Butler High School, and Gainesville High School. He graduated from Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Minor in Secondary Education in 1975; and was an Incorporator and Charter member of the Grady Young Foundation, Inc. (GYF) in February 2004; he served tirelessly with the Grady Young Foundation to establish Book and Memorial scholarships, which then served as a model for other families and organizations.

He contributed to the Foundation’s efforts to institute dynamic youth programs, while serving with the Boys & Girls Club of Hall County, to increase the Foundation’s resources and recognitions; and distinguished himself on the Grady Young Foundation Board of Directors as a compassionate educator with a mission to serve and to engage others. Mr. Gerald Franklin Kesler was a courageous champion of justice, with an unswerving faith in God, Family and Education. The initial amount of the Gerald Franklin Kesler Memorial Scholarship is \$500.00 annually.

Eligibility: This scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate or continuing college student who has maintained a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.000, has earned at least twenty-five (25) Hours of active Community Service within the current school year, must submit a typewritten **500 to 1,000** words Essay on “Building My Community”, and must provide at least one Letter of Recommendation from a school official of current school. The student must also meet the eligibility requirements of the GYF Scholarship Program.

Jacob Wilmont Community Athletic Scholarship

Mr. Jacob Wilmont is a native Gainesvillian who has dedicated more than 50 years of sacrificial service to the Citizens of Gainesville/Hall County, Georgia. Many have benefited from his coaching, mentorship, leadership, organizing, supervision, administration and management. GYF thanks God for allowing us to be beneficiaries of his love, care and development of young people. As a token of our appreciation and love for him, in 2016 the GYF established the Jacob Wilmont Community Athletic Scholarship for the many services provided to our family, our churches, the recreation centers, and the Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs through the years. His services have positively impacted all who have played or worked under his leadership. He has helped young men and women advance their economic livelihood in the Gainesville/Hall County communities. The initial amount of the Jacob Wilmont Community Athletic Scholarship is \$500.00 annually.

Eligibility: This Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior athlete who has participated with the Gainesville/Hall County Boys’ and Girls’ Club(s), and maintained at least a 2.5 GPA. The student must provide at least one Letter of Recommendation from an official of the Boys’ and Girls’ Club(s) of Gainesville/Hall County and also meet the eligibility requirements of the GYF Scholarship Program.

Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson Memorial Book Scholarship

Mrs. Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson was an outstanding Educator. She retired from the Gainesville City School System after over 40 years of teaching. As a wife and mother, she always found an opportunity to inspire and educate those with whom she came in contact. She was a motivator, as she would give encouraging words to those aspiring to achieve their goals. As a Christian, her faith was built on scripture, and her favorite verses were from the 1st Psalm.

Mrs. Young was the wife of Funeral Director Grover Young, and to this union, four sons (Emeritus, Alfred, Anthony and Rickey) were born. After Grover Young’s death, she married Rev. L. A. Jackson. Mrs. Young, as most knew her in school, was the sister-in-law of Grady Young and sister of his wife Eloise Mosley Young. Therefore, she was double related to the Young/Mosley families.

Her mark in the community was one that was left of direct involvement. She was always to the point, no beating around the bush when asked a question or entertaining young folks with wisdom.

In 2016, one of Mrs. Young-Jackson’s mentees, Director Shirley Lipscomb (first African American Instructor at Lanier Technical School (now College), emphasized the impact Mrs. Young-Jackson had on her life and she appreciates her affection, nurturing, guidance, advice, and coaching. This impact gave her the desire to establish a Book Scholarship in her memory, namely the Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson Memorial Book Scholarship. The initial amount of the Estelle Mosley Young Jackson Memorial Book Scholarship is \$250.00 annually.

Eligibility: This book scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate who has maintained a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 and Majoring in Education. The student must also meet the eligibility requirements of the GYF Scholarship Program.

Incentive Awards

Two **Incentive Awards** in the amount of **\$300.00** 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.

GRADY YOUNG FOUNDATION, INC.



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Scholarship Program Established in
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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please type or print legibly)

**Must be postmarked no later than
March 1**

Name (last, first, middle) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

(Fax) _____ (Email) _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Are you a relative of Grady / Eloise Young? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, Relative's Name _____

Relative's Home/Work Telephone Number _____

High School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Cumulative GPA (four decimal places) _____

Principal's/Counselor's Name _____

Principal's/Counselor's Telephone Number _____

School, community, church, or organizational activities _____

Honors, awards, and other achievements _____

College You Plan to Attend _____

Address _____

Expected Major _____

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 (An Active Church Member)**
- ___ **Marion "Paulette" Lott Memorial Scholarship**
- ___ **Gerald Franklin Kesler Memorial Scholarship**
- ___ **Jacob Wilmont Community Athletic Scholarship**
- ___ **Estelle Mosley Young-Jackson Memorial Book Scholarship**

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature
(Required if applicant is under age 18)



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CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING

Student's Name: _____

School Name & Address: _____

City	State	Zip Code
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Student Identification Number: _____

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

Is officially enrolled for the *CURRENT* academic term Yes ____ No ____

Has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of _____

(Please calculate to FOUR DECIMAL PLACES.)

Has SAT score of _____

Has ACT score of _____

Math score _____ Verbal score _____

Has mastered all End of Course Tests (EOCT) and requirements for
Graduation: Yes ____ No ____

Has anticipated Graduation Date of _____

Other Comments _____

Signed by School Counselor / Administrator

Date: _____

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