

# Mary Jane Dockeray Scholarship 2023-2024

## Application Form

Two scholarships will be awarded this year in honor of Mary Jane Dockeray, founding curator of the Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievements and potential for succeeding in a career in science. Financial need is not a factor in the selection process. In April, recipients will be notified by phone and non-recipients will be notified by email. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Scholarship Amount:** The scholarship of \$2,500 is to be applied towards tuition, fees, or other educational costs at any two or four-year college or university.

**Eligibility:** Any graduating senior from a high school within the **Kent, Ottawa, or Muskegon Area Intermediate School Districts** who is **pursuing a career in science** at any two or four-year college or university is eligible to apply.

**A completed application must have the following submitted:**

- A typed personal essay
- An official high school transcript
- \*One school recommendation form
- \*One recommender form NOT related to your school

**Personal Essay Information:** Your personal essay should include personal information about yourself, educational, and career goals. However, do not merely list activities, honors, and awards. Instead, help the selection committee understand your uniqueness in an essay format. To accomplish this, it would be a good idea to write in the first person (use "I"). Try to make yourself come to life as an individual, a student, and a future member of your chosen science profession. Remember, the committee has to read many applications. Help the committee understand why they should choose you for the scholarship.

**\*Note:** One recommender must be a current teacher/administrator from the applicant's school and one recommender may not be connected with the applicant's high school. Recommendation forms can be found at the bottom of our website: [www.gvsu.edu/rmsc/mary-jane-dockeray-scholarship-24.htm](http://www.gvsu.edu/rmsc/mary-jane-dockeray-scholarship-24.htm). Each recommender must fill out and submit their own form electronically or by mail.

**DEADLINE:** Application and all supporting documentation must be received by **February 26, 2024**.

**Mail Application to:**

Grand Valley State University  
MJD Scholarship  
MAK B-3-226  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale, MI 49401

**Questions?**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Present High School \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

List previous honors or awards \_\_\_\_\_

Your intended major, if known \_\_\_\_\_

Your career goal, if known \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **NON**-School Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date