

*Gaston Memorial Scholarship
P.O. Box 1795
Bloomington, IL 61702-1795*

The Gaston Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to a deserving youth who is a graduating senior and who has been accepted to an accredited college. It is an opportunity to reflect on community leadership, volunteer efforts, and family values.

About the Gaston Memorial scholarship:

"Honor thy Mother and Father"

**THE GASTON MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**
Established in 2006

In honor of Robert L. Gaston and Gloria M.
Gaston, Parents of:

Jewell Sangster	Robert Gaston, Jr.
C. Diane McDowell	David Gaston
Eric M. Gaston	Allan C. Gaston
Muquaddim Haqq	Sherrie Moore
James E. Gaston	Ramona Shaw
Gary Muhammad	Treyce' Spears

The Gaston Memorial Scholarship honors excellence in the areas of Family, Leadership, and Community Service.

Robert and Gloria Gaston raised 12 children of their own all of whom went on to professional and/or trade school. They served as father and mother figures to countless youth who befriended their children over the years.

Robert and Gloria Gaston were involved in their community. As a well-known local barber in the community, Robert Gaston's entrepreneurial spirit served to go beyond the simple yet necessary service expected in a local barber shop. Social service needs were met, deals were negotiated, loans were secured and jobs were located. The shop also served as a forum for debate on political issues, and other events of the time.

Gloria's contributions included serving on various Boards, giving back to the community. Her many years at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School (ISSCS) helping to shape the minds and outcomes of the children that admired and loved her. She also teamed with Robert as local host and hostess to those in education, sports and entertainment.

Robert and Gloria Gaston held regular counsel with local Clergy in the community who were always welcome in their home and who loved them for their genuineness, wit, and open hearted spirit.

Please complete the attached application and mail to the address above to qualify for the scholarship to be awarded to one outstanding applicant this year. **All applications must be postmarked by June 1.**

Thank you for your interest and for taking the time to complete this application. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Board reserves the right to publish the names of any scholarship recipient.

***Gaston Memorial Scholarship
Application Form***

Full Name: _____ **Date** _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address for award notification: _____

High School: _____

Principal: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

Notable High School and/or Community Activities:

Church affiliation (optional) _____

Accredited Post-Secondary Institution you have been accepted at: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Intended course of study: _____

Essay: Please attach a detailed explanation of why you should be the recipient of the Gaston Memorial Scholarship (family, leadership and community service). Essay should be a minimum of 200 words.

Note: There is an annual ceremony in mid July to present the award. Please indicate whether you would be able to attend ___yes ___no. Please indicate the Number of guests you will invite _____.

Deadline for submission is June 1.