J. Cecil Jarvis Memorial Scholarship

ABOUT THE FUND

A scholarship fund was created by Rebecca Jarvis Steptoe to honor the memory of her husband, J. Cecil Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis, former publisher of the Exponent-Telegram newspaper in Clarksburg and a prominent Harrison County attorney, died in a tragic bicycling accident in May 2007 in Lewis County.

The fund was established by the Jarvis family to honor Cecil's name. His three children – daughters, Amy and Jennie, both physicians, and Brian, an attorney – suggested a scholarship honoring their father. “Cecil believed that education was the key to success,” Mrs. Jarvis said. “This fund was founded to encourage students in the community to pursue their academic dreams of earning a postgraduate degree. This fund has special meaning to our family, as it carries on Cecil's legacy of motivating everyone to be the best they can be.”

After graduating Vanderbilt University law school in 1975, Mr. Jarvis returned to his native Clarksburg as an attorney with McNeer, Highland, McMunn and Varner. He was a well-known civic leader and an avid marathon runner, triathlete and outdoorsman.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The fund is distributed at the discretion of the Board of Directors of YCF to provide a scholarship or scholarships to students who are enrolled in postgraduate (beyond Baccalaureate) studies in law, medicine or journalism at an accredited college or university of their choice.

Recipients of this scholarship shall be a resident of Harrison County, West Virginia, or be a former resident of Harrison County, West Virginia, only if the applicant has established residency at the location of his or her place of undergraduate or postgraduate education.

To apply, please visit www.ycfwv.org/scholarships.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF). YCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible to receive donations.

Any individual, organization, or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund. Donations are accepted in the form of checks, credit cards, stocks and through bequests. To donate online, click on the “Donate” link on the YCF website, www.ycfwv.org. You may enter a name of a specific fund during the checkout process. Alternatively, donations by check may be made payable to "YCF" and mailed to the address below. Checks should include the name of the fund in the memo line.

For more information, call 304-296-3433 or email info@ycfwv.org.