Established: July 2008
Type of Endowment: Donor-Advised Scholarship Fund
Donor(s): Rebecca Ullom Jarvis, family, friends, and associates
Honoree(s): The late J. Cecil Jarvis of Clarksburg, WV

About the Fund

A scholarship fund was created by Rebecca Ullom Jarvis 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. A triathlon is an endurance race consisting of running, swimming and cycling.

A 10-K race is held annually in Clarksburg with proceeds benefitting the Jarvis Fund.

Eligibility Guidelines

The fund is distributed at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Your Community Foundation 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.

The donor or a descendent of J. Cecil Jarvis shall be invited to participate in the selection process, although such participation is not required. A student who is a recipient one year is eligible for consideration in any other year.

How Can I Donate?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation, which invests the funds to maximize their value. The net annual income from those investments shall constitute the amount of the scholarship award. Any individual, organization or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund.

To make a donation, or to get more information, contact Your Community Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Morgantown, WV 26507. Call us at (304) 296-3433 or visit our web site at www.ycfwv.org.