

# Thomas Raymond Curtis Scholarship Endowment Application

## **About the Thomas Raymond Curtis Scholarship**

In 1997, an unassuming teacher from Flat Gap made an extraordinary decision that would touch the lives of students from Johnson County forever. Thomas Raymond Curtis lived modestly and worked passionately in Johnson County, Kentucky for 30 years. When he passed away, he left the largest bequest in the Morehead State University Foundation's history, \$1.3 million, to fund the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship. In 1999, the first Curtis Scholarship was awarded. Since that time, the Curtis Scholarship has been the incentive for many other students to achieve their dream of becoming teachers.

Each year, at least one scholarship valued at \$10,000 per year will be awarded to a member of the graduating class of Johnson Central High School. This scholarship can be renewed for three years if a minimum renewal criterion is met. Scholarship recipients are evaluated each semester for satisfactory academic performance.

## **Qualifications**

To qualify for consideration a student must:

1. Be a U. S. Citizen
2. Be a graduate of Johnson Central High School
3. Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
4. Have extreme financial need as determined by the MSU Office of Enrollment Services and are academically gifted.
5. Be admitted to Morehead State University

Highest Priority will be given to students majoring in teacher education.

Special consideration and priority shall be given to:

- a. Students who are the first person in their immediate family to graduate high school
- b. Students who attended the Flat Gap Elementary School

## **Application Requirements**

To apply for this scholarship, an applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed Thomas Raymond Curtis Scholarship Application
2. High School Transcripts
3. ACT Scores
4. Two letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, employers, or others who know the students character and performance potential. At least one of the recommendation letters must be written by an academic reference.
5. Evidence of admission to Morehead State University
6. A one page Personal Mission Statement discussing future goals and why you deserve this scholarship.

Applicants for the scholarship will submit the application criterion by the date provided by the Johnson Central High School Counselor.

**THOMAS RAYMOND CURTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Morehead State University  
APPLICATION FOR AWARD

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

High School Graduating From: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards and/or Special Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Tests Taken: ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach official results of scores

Extra Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address, and Principal of other High Schools attended, if any:

Education Plans: Briefly explain why you want to be a teacher. Please include what grade/subject you plan to teach: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADES

Do you feel that your grades are an accurate index of your academic accomplishments and of your potential contribution to your community?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, please explain in detail below)

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## FAMILY INFORMATION

(Please check) Father \_\_\_\_\_ Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

High School Graduate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check) Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

High School Graduate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings, if any, living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of parents who have attended college: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings who have attended college: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings currently in a college program: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOBBIES AND OTHER PERSONAL INTERESTS

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please list any scholarships you have applied for below: (Include MSU Scholarship, other institution's scholarships, and private scholarships.)

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Have you received confirmation that you have been selected as the recipient of any of these scholarships? If so, please list the scholarship(s) and award amount(s) below:

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Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Have you ever attended Flat Gap Elementary School?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a lifelong resident of Flat Gap? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand this application. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and complete. The Thomas R. Curtis Scholarship Committee has my permission to contact the schools or relatives named in this application or such other sources as the Scholarship Committee may deem necessary for consideration of an award to me.

If I receive an award, I authorize Morehead State University to monitor my grades each semester to ensure I maintain the performance level required for this scholarship. I understand the award will be renewed as long as I maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship, when combined with Federal, State, and/or Private Financial Aid, shall not exceed the estimated cost of attendance as determined by the MSU Office of Enrollment Services. In some cases, other aid amounts may be adjusted.**

## Statement of Intent

I hereby state my solemn intent to pursue a college degree at Morehead State University that will prepare me to become a teacher. Once enrolled at MSU, I will exert the fullest practical effort toward learning and maintain my goal to become an educator. If I receive the Thomas Raymond Curtis award, I authorize Morehead State University to monitor my declared academic major each semester to ensure I continue to pursue a degree in education. I understand that changing my declared academic major could result in the award being revoked.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_