

The Mildred Church Dandridge Memorial Scholarship

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Mildred Church Dandridge was an instrumental team member in the founding of the School of Environmental Leadership. She was full of joy, empathy, giving, and selflessness. Mildred was passionate about creating positive environmental change through education and an integral member of her community, where she continuously devoted her time to community service. Mildred put both her voice and action behind her values and gave 200% to her community.

Guidelines

Eligible applicants are graduating 12th-graders from The School of Environmental Leadership who at a minimum have completed their volunteer and event requirements during their 4-years in the program (a total of 40 volunteer hours and 8 events). In order to apply, submit a 1-page single-spaced essay by the application deadline listed on www.thesel.org/support/mcd-memorial-scholarship to marinsel@thesel.org.

The applicant's essay should focus on their passion for environmental stewardship and equity, while addressing their growth in the School of Environmental Leadership, with evidence of demonstrated leadership through their drive and confidence to take action in Leadership and Environmental Action Development (LEAD) projects and volunteer opportunities. Applicants should also include experiences where empathy and justice were demonstrated in projects and through community events. Additionally, applicants should be recounting times of creativity and critical thinking in team projects with reflection on successes and challenges faced by themselves, and where perseverance was needed.

In the spirit of Mildred Church Dandridge, students at the School of Environmental Leadership are engaged in creating environmental change with community partners within their LEAD projects and through their volunteer hours. Applicants should show devotion to their community in their efforts through both the school offered experiences and beyond, and reflect upon the personal and community development created through their efforts.

Essay Topic

Please answer the following prompt:

How have you embraced the spirit of Mildred Church Dandridge to initiate environmental change for justice in the community through environmental leadership? Include examples from your School of Environmental Leadership courses and projects, as well as from experiences created outside of the program, that highlight your effort to initiate environmental action while advancing racial and gender equity in your community.