



St. Joseph School District Foundation

Sarilee Herman Optican Scholarship Award in Science/Mathematics

This scholarship, in memory of Sarilee Herman Optican, was established by her family in January 2003. Sarilee H. Optican was a graduate of Central High School, class of 1950, and a graduate of the University of Missouri in 1954 with a BA in Education. She was a member of Mortar Board, Pi Lambda Theta, Sigma Epsilon Sigma, Kappa Epsilon Alpha, and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1954.

Each year, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a current St. Joseph School District teacher pursuing a post-graduate credit in math or science. The candidate must pursue a graduate degree in math, science, or computer science **OR** seek certification to teach any of these aforementioned subjects. The scholarship may be used to pursue any advanced level degree.

The scholarship award will be based upon the following minimum criteria:

- Not less than two years of teaching experience with the St. Joseph School District
- Financial need
- A desire to continue in the teaching profession with the St. Joseph School District

Each candidate should submit a completed **application form and a letter discussing their circumstance, situation, or need to be taken into consideration**. Candidates must also **provide a recommendation from an administrator, coordinator, or supervisor**.

- The completed application form should be sent to Lori Zillner, Foundation Executive Director, Enright Center, 514 22nd St, St. Joseph, MO 64501.
- The completed recommendation form should be sent under separate cover by the supervisor to Lori Zillner, Foundation Executive Director, Enright Center, 514 22nd St, St. Joseph, MO 64501.

All applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Sarilee H. Optican Scholarship Committee.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 4, 2011.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION
SARILEE HERMAN OPTICAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
IN SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS

Personal Information

Name _____

Teaching Postion _____ School _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Years of Teaching Experience in St. Joseph School District _____

Other Teaching Experience _____ No. of Years _____

Future Plans

Are you presently enrolled in a post-graduate program? (Circle one) Yes No

If yes, where and for what degree? _____

How many graduate hours have you completed? _____

If you are awarded this scholarship, what class (es) do you plan to take this year?

What career plans do you have for the next five years? _____

Financial Information (Confidential: Will be made available to Committee only)

Number of people you are financially responsible for, including yourself: _____

Estimated gross family annual income: _____

Required

- 1.)** Attach a letter discussing your circumstances, situation, or needs to be taken into consideration by the committee.

- 2.)** Ask your administrator, coordinator, or supervisor to complete the attached form and send by the March 4 deadline to Lori Zillner, Foundation Manager. **Please have your supervisor send this recommendation under separate cover to Lori Zillner.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please assure all application materials are returned by Friday, March 4, 2011, to:

**Lori Zillner
St. Joseph School District Foundation
514 22nd Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501**



Recommendation Form for Scholarship Candidate

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Name of Scholarship Candidate: _____

Name/Signature of Supervisor/Coordinator/Administrator completing this form:

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Please respond to all questions:

1. How do you know this candidate? For how long have you known this candidate?
2. What is your capacity in relationship to this candidate?
3. Explain how you believe this candidate is committed to the completion of his/her graduate program.
4. What would you say is the candidate's level of interest in math or science?
5. Do you believe this candidate will remain with the St. Joseph School District? Why or why not?
6. Please make any comments concerning the teaching career of this candidate:

**Please return completed form to Lori Zillner, Foundation Executive Director,
Enright Center, 514 22nd, St. Joseph, MO 64501 by Friday, March 4, 2011.**