



THERESE MARIE CUNY COMMUNICATION ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Therese Marie Cuny Communication Arts Scholarship Award is given in memory of the first drama teacher at Mother Theodore Guerin High School, one of Guerin Prep's foundation schools. Miss Cuny devoted her life to the education of young women in Catholic schools. She touched the lives of thousands of girls and inspired many to reach personal goals they never dreamed possible. Her tireless work ethic and dedication to excellence inspired the same in her students. By example, she taught that genuine style and poise is timeless. Regardless of the various paths her students traveled after leaving Guerin, they were prepared to take their place in the world as confident and articulate women.

Preparing for Leadership in the 21st Century

When the first graduating classes of Mother Guerin High School entered the workforce in the late 1960's, new and exciting opportunities were beginning to become available to woman. For the first time women were attending college in record numbers. Career opportunities were becoming available in areas traditionally open only to men. These early "pioneers" paved the way for today's graduates to participate at all levels of corporate, governmental and social service work. However, to be fully competitive in any of these areas women must develop their communication skills. This scholarship is intended to inspire the development of those communication skills in Guerin graduates. Leaders are often defined by their ability to successfully communicate their ideas to others. Regardless of the path you choose after leaving Guerin Prep, you will find it very important to you to be able to communicate your message in an effective manner.

Scholarship Awards

The Therese Marie Cuny Scholarship Awards 2011 will provide multiple scholarships.

- The first place scholarship award is equal to the cost of one year's tuition.
- Additional awards will be made based on performance. These awards must be applied to tuition at Guerin Prep in the 2011-2012 school year.

Eligibility

Junior girls with a C+ grade point average are eligible to apply. Scholarship awards may only be applied to senior year tuition at Guerin Prep. Relatives of Selection Committee members are not eligible to apply.

Scholarship Application

The scholarship application process requires creativity, as well as written and oral communication skills.

PART I Written application

- 1) Select a topic that informs, educates or entertains the audience. Your options are virtually endless! Topics have included: gun violence, abortion, horse whisperer, immigration, Alzheimer's disease, American Indian spirituality, Rock 'n Roll, music and dance, drugs, one parent families and working teens.
- 2) Complete the Therese Marie Cuny Communication Arts Scholarship Application. Please note that this application is a screening tool that will qualify you to move on to the next level of competition. A great deal of thought and effort should go into this written portion of the application.
- 3) Obtain two faculty approvals. Two Faculty Approval Sheets must be completed by Guerin Prep teachers or administrators. Attach both approvals to you application.

WRITTEN APPLICATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 (turn them into the main office)

All applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Not more than 12 applicants will be selected to move on to the next phase of the competition, the Oral Presentation. Students will be notified if they have been selected to move on to the next level of competition.

Part II Oral Presentation

Presentations will be made to the Selection Committee on **MONDAY, APRIL 4**. Presentations should be 10 to 15 minutes in length. Please respect this time limit! Audio-visual supports may be used, i.e. slides, posters, hand-outs, pictures, musical background, etc. Applicants are responsible for arranging their own equipment. Applicants are also responsible for making sure it all works properly! Presentations may include published or original works, including stories, poems, etc.

Good luck to all participants!



**THERESE MARIE CUNY COMMUNICATION ARTS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**
Cover Sheet

Applicant's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Homeroom _____

Number of Years at Guerin _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS. ALL ANSWERS SHOULD BE TYPED, SINGLE-SPACED, FONT SIZE 10 OR GREATER. YOUR TOTAL RESPONSE TO ALL FIVE QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWO TYPEWRITTEN PAGES.

1. What is the name of my presentation?
2. What is my outline for this topic?
3. Why did I choose this topic?
4. How will I present this topic?
5. What would earning this scholarship mean to me?

FACULTY APPROVALS

Applicants must obtain approvals from two teachers or administrators. Ask each teacher or administrator to complete a FACULTY APPROVAL FORM and return it to the applicant. Applicants should attach these forms to their applications.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please submit this application to: **The Guerin Prep High School Main Office by **Wednesday, March 9.****

All applications should be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Pages should be assembled in the following order:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Responses to the five questions listed above.
3. Faculty Approvals (2)



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Faculty Approval Form

Applicant's Name _____

Teacher/Administrator's Name _____

Teacher/Administrator's Position at Guerin Prep _____

I understand that the above-named applicant is applying for the Therese Marie Cuny
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COMMENTS (Optional)

Signature of Teacher/Administrator _____

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