

## The Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship Fund



### Background

Joann Jones-Gore's lifelong priorities included her faith, children, grandchildren, family and friends. She was born in Charleston, West Virginia and raised in the Cabin Creek, West Virginia area, the daughter of Samuel and Emma Mae Jones. Her siblings included sisters Mary, Joy and Thelma and a brother Samuel Paul. Joann had five children: Faye, Robert, Cynthia, James and Richie. Joann was a loving and caring Mother and played an instrumental role in the rearing of her nine grandchildren and cherished her seven great-grandchildren. She was always there in a time of need for her children and grandchildren.

A big part of her life's journey has been to support and encourage young people in the community and in her family to complete their high school education, attend college and to pursue their dreams in life. Always with an open door, open heart and willingness to help others, she lifted many people up and encouraged them to work hard at achieving their goals in life. She never missed being there to celebrate the graduation of any of her family members. She sought to help youth with limited financial resources to complete their college education and achieve their dreams in life.

### Purpose

The Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship Fund has been established by her son Robert W. Jones (Manny), who lives in the Cincinnati area. The purpose of the fund is to grant undergraduate scholarships to graduating high school seniors and existing college students attending West Virginia State University who have demonstrated academic achievements, character in and out of the classroom, service in the community and who need financial assistance to begin or continue their university education.

### Eligibility

Recipients of the Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship fund must be:

- An undergraduate student seeking a baccalaureate degree
- In good academic standing with the University and maintains a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Has demonstrated financial need
- First preference shall be given to a resident of Washington Manor, Orchard Manor, South Park Village, City Park Village, Little Page Terrace or Vandalia Terrace in Charleston, West Virginia or a resident of Chesapeake, West Virginia. If none qualify in a given year, then the scholarship may be awarded to a student who is graduating or has graduated from the Kanawha County Public Schools.
- Two \$2,500 scholarships will be granted each year. The recipients of the Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship Fund will be chosen by the WVSU Foundation in cooperation with the Jones-Gore Family.
- Scholarship award may be renewed upon satisfactory progress by the recipient.

## **Applications**

Applications can be submitted to <https://www.wvstateu.edu/admissions/scholarships.aspx#>, (1) select Institutional Foundation Scholarships, (2) login using your WVSU email address and student ID number. Complete and submit the scholarship application. List the Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship as one of the scholarships you wish to be considered for.

## **Contributions**

Contributions can be made to the Joan Jones-Gore Scholarship Fund by check payable to the WVSU Foundation, PO Box 1000, Institute, WV, 25112 with the “Joann Jones-Gore Scholarship Fund” on the memo line or by credit card on the WVSU Foundation’s secure website at <https://connect.wvstateu.edu/jonesgorescholarship>.