



## ***Mrs. Gretchen Hayes***

## ***Memorial Scholarship***

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– Nelson Mandela

The Gretchen Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund will be offering a scholarship in remembrance of Mrs. Hayes to a graduating senior of Forest City Regional High School. The scholarship will be awarded yearly to a student who approaches life with optimism, a love of learning, and a desire to make the world a better place; all qualities Mrs. Hayes shared with the students of Forest City Regional during her time here and with students around the country during her over 40 years in education.

The amount of the scholarship may vary from \$1,000 to \$2,000 based on the number of qualified applicants awarded the scholarship and the financial condition of the scholarship fund.

Completed applications along with letters of recommendation, transcript, acceptance letter, and your essay should be emailed to Mr. Zack (mzack@fcrsd.org) by **Friday, May 9, 2025**. The message title must read “Gretchen Hayes Memorial Scholarship Application Packet”. All information must be attached to the same email; screen-shots are acceptable as necessary along with scanned documents/PDFs.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Current Senior at Forest City Regional High School
2. Accepted and planning to attend post-secondary education in a humanitarian field of study (this may include career paths in education, social work, human services, healthcare, etc.)
3. Minimum 3.0 overall GPA

### Award Requirements:

1. Completed Application
2. Copy of current transcript
3. Copy of acceptance letter
4. 750 word essay describing how you feel you exhibit qualities personified by Mrs. Hayes throughout her time at Forest City Regional. This should include service to others, dedication to learning new things, and a genuine concern for others.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation – letters should focus on the candidate’s optimism, love of learning, and desire to help others in some capacity.



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## Memorial Scholarship Application

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Address:

Phone Number:

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In the space below, briefly explain how you will benefit from this financial award.

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In the space below, briefly explain your beliefs on learning/education (in any capacity).

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