

*Mary Lucille Rowe
Endowed Scholarship
for Early Childhood Education*

RECIPIENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in high school or previous college work.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled.
- Preference given to those students who plan to enter the teaching profession and aspire to early childhood education.
- Submit a letter of application describing:
 - Financial need*
 - Professional goals*
 - Involvement in the community*
 - Involvement in childhood mentoring initiatives*
- Submit letters of recommendation from two educators.

This scholarship may be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students at any Park University campus who carry a student load of at least 24 hours (undergraduate level) or 15 hours (graduate level) per academic year.

TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTACT:

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*This scholarship was
established by
David Rowe Harris
in memory of his mother
to assist undergraduate
and graduate students in
attaining their education
degrees.*

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This scholarship was established to continue Mary Lucille Rowe's lifelong commitment to education and literacy.



The Rowe family came to the United States in 1610 and settled in Virginia. During the Revolutionary War they remained in Virginia where Jesse and James Rowe served in the Virginia militia until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

In 1804 the Rowes moved to Ohio where Lucille's grandfather, William Edders Rowe, served with the 73rd Ohio during the Civil War. Lucille's father, Alonso Mayes Rowe, and mother, Lucy Ann White Rowe, had a daughter Mary Lucille Rowe on May 6, 1907. She was the eldest of seven children and lived on a farm before the advent of electricity and other modern conveniences.

Mary Lucille graduated from high school in 1925 and entered Park University on September 8, 1925, leaving her home in Grain Valley, Mo. Her goal in life was to be a teacher or do religious work. She obtained a teaching certificate after a year and a half at Park and half a year at State Teachers College in Warrensburg, Mo. She then taught school in Blue Springs for three years. In 1929 she married Harold E. Harris, a Park alumnus, and finished the school year before joining him in Schenectady, N.Y., where he was employed by General Electric. Harold died of cancer in 1934 at age 29, leaving Lucille with three young children aged three, two and newborn.

She began teaching in the Schenectady School System while attending college part time. She earned a bachelors degree in education and taught for more than 30 years.

In 1937, Lucille married Foster P. Vrooman, and they had one child. She was an active member of the State Street Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and served as a deacon.

Mary Lucille Rowe was always interested in education, athletics, and literacy. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Schenectady, a member of Blue Springs Eastern Star since 1929, and a member of the American Association of University Women. Mary Lucille Rowe died in 2000 in Schenectady.

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