

The Nina Garner Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Do little things with great love." When hearing this quote, it is understandable to recognize the heart of someone so very special to us, Mrs. Nina Garner Smith. Most of us knew Mrs. Smith in Room 114, a classroom pulsating on a daily basis with the energy of lively discussions and bursts of laughter. Students bounced from her doorway every hour bussing how amazing Mrs. Smith's conversations were, whether about Hawthorne or Shakespeare or Dickinson or Elliott. Mrs. Smith had the God-given gift of being able to guide her students to ponder, questions, challenge, and explore. No matter a strong student or a struggling student, she made everyone feel loved and appreciated. Her classroom was one of warmth and welcome because her students were her priority. Students knew of Mrs. Smith's expectations, compassion, and love, for the Spirit of Mercy flourished within Mrs. Smith, and the tenderness and affection expressed in her gracious smile made all of us grateful to her for the sincere love she showed to all.

Now it is our turn to ensure the "great love" and generosity of Mrs. Nina Garner Smith continues forever.

This memorial scholarship fund was established in 2018. Two scholarship opportunities are available:

A) College Scholarship:

- This will be awarded annually to one MSM graduating senior
- The recipient must show academic promise
- The recipient must demonstrate intent to become an educator
- A written essay will be required addressing why you want to become an educator and how Mount St. Mary has influenced your goal to become an educator
- The Smith Family, in conjunction with the Mount St. Mary Counseling Department, will review the essay and select the recipient

B) Current MSM Student Scholarship:

- This will be awarded annually to one current MSM student
- The recipient must show academic promise
- The recipient must show charisms of an educator
- A written essay will be required addressing how Mercy charisms influence you in your hopes to possibly consider education as a vocation
- The Smith family in conjunction with the Mount St. Mary Counseling Department will review the essay and select the recipient

Please check the scholarship you are applying for:

College Scholarship

Current MSM Student Scholarship

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand I must meet the above criteria for this scholarship.

_____ **Recipient Signature** _____ **Date**

_____ **Guardian/Parent Signature** _____ **Date**