



## Greer Garson Scholarship Fund

Through the Greer Garson Scholarship Fund, St. Michael's is pleased to be able to offer college scholarships to St. Michael's High School seniors who intend to study the arts in college. The Greer Garson Visual & Performing Arts Scholarship will award the scholarship to as many qualified applicants as funding allows. The Greer Garson Visual & Performing Arts College Scholarship application follows.

### History of the Scholarship

Film and stage actress Greer Garson, and her husband, Buddy Fogelson, had a close relationship with the Christian Brothers at the College of Santa Fe (CSF) and a passion for education and the arts. In 1966, Ms. Garson and Mr. Fogelson established an endowment at CSF to support scholarships for students studying communications arts at CSF. From that time until the college closed in 2009, the Greer Garson Permanent Endowed Fund supported the education of numerous talented performing and communications arts students at CSF.

When the college closed, the trustees of the endowment sought an appropriate institution where the fund could be stewarded to support students in the arts at the higher education level. The trustees determined that St. Michael's High School would be a fitting place for the fund to reside and in keeping with Ms. Garson's original desire to support private education and the work of the Christian Brothers. Some of the Christian Brothers who taught at CSF also taught at St. Michael's; today, several live in the Brothers' community on the campus at St. Michael's High School.

### Scholarship Criteria

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Greer Garson Scholarship Committee. To apply, a student must meet the following criteria:

- A high school or college grade point average of 3.0 or above
- A minimum of 3 credits completed at St. Michael's in the arts (visual, digital, or performing arts)
- Demonstrated success in balancing academic work with extracurricular activities
- The submission of a written essay about the student's desire to pursue a college degree in the arts
- The acceptance and enrollment in an arts degree program at an accredited college or university

### Greer Garson Biography

Greer Garson was born in London, England, on September 29, 1904. While studying to become a teacher at the University of London, she appeared in local theatrical productions and gained a reputation as an extremely talented actress. Louis B. Mayer discovered her while on a visit to London looking for new talent, and Garson was immediately signed to a contract with MGM. Her first American film, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (1939), won rave reviews and garnered Garson the first of what would be seven Best Actress nominations over the course of her career.

Garson appeared in a series of acclaimed films in rapid succession: as Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* (1940), and as Edna Gladney in *Blossoms in the Dust* (1941), which earned her another Academy Award nomination. She won her first and only Best Actress award for *Mrs. Miniver* (1942), the role for which she would forever be known. As Marie Curie in *Madame Curie* (1943), she would receive another Oscar nomination, one more the next year in *Mrs. Parkington* (1944), and still another for her role as Mary Rafferty in *The Valley of Decision* (1945). For most of the 1950s, Garson endured several less-than-appreciated films, finally being cast in the role of Eleanor Roosevelt in *Sunrise at Campobello* (1960). Perhaps her finest work, *Sunrise at Campobello* landed Garson her seventh and final Academy Award nomination.

Her final appearances on the silver screen were in *The Singing Nun* (1966) and *The Happiest Millionaire* (1967). After a few TV movies, Garson retired to the New Mexico ranch she shared with her husband, millionaire Buddy E.E. Fogelson, where she concentrated on the environment and other various charities, including the College of Santa Fe. By the 1980s, chronic heart problems had prompted her to slow down. She died on April 6, 1996, in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 91.

**Greer Garson Scholarship Fund**  
**For St. Michael's High School Seniors Majoring in the Arts in College**

**APPLICATION**

**Criteria:** St. Michael's High School considers a Greer Garson Scholarship financial assistance for graduating St. Michael's students who wish to major in a performing or visual arts program in college. The scholarship is a one-time award, payable to the college toward tuition or on-campus living expenses. St. Michael's alumni may apply for the award throughout their years of study at the college level. Recipients may re-apply in subsequent years. Students must graduate from St. Michael's with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Awards range from \$500–\$4,000 per student and will vary depending on the number of applicants in a given year, the cost of tuition, earnings from the fund, and circumstances surrounding a program and/or course of study.

**Applications for college year 2019–2020 are accepted on a rolling basis between March 1, 2019, and April 15, 2019. Scholarship awards will be announced at Senior Awards in May.**

Please assemble the following materials for your application:

- Completed application form
- Letter of recommendation by an SMHS faculty member or private instructor in the student's area of emphasis
- Unofficial St. Michael's transcript, or unofficial college transcript (if already in college)
- Acceptance letter or Financial Aid award letter from the college you attend or will be attending

Send your application packet to this address:

**St. Michael's High School**  
**c/o Taylor Gantt, President**  
**100 Siringo Road**  
**Santa Fe, NM 87505**

**Applicant Information**

Please fill out the information below completely and legibly. You may use the space allotted on this form for the essay or use a separate sheet, but do not exceed one page. Application materials will not be returned.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

What college are you attending in the fall? \_\_\_\_\_

How long did you attend St. Michael's? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your academic major be in college? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your academic minor be in college? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section A: Estimated Annual Expenses

Students may request aid toward tuition and fees or campus housing at the college of their choice. In the space provided, please list the total cost of your first year of college education including tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, and any other significant expenses related to your major. Next, please indicate the amount of financial aid you are receiving from your college and the amount of funds you are requesting from the Greer Garson Visual & Performing Arts College Scholarship and what they will be applied toward. Please fill out this section as completely as possible even if you do not have all expenses or sources of revenues finalized. Please attach your financial aid award letter to this application.

#### Expenses

Annual Tuition	\$ _____
Annual Fees	\$ _____
Annual Housing	\$ _____
Annual Food/Dining (if separate from housing costs)	\$ _____
Estimated Transportation Costs	\$ _____
Other (please describe) _____	\$ _____
*Total Expense	\$ _____

#### Revenue

Total Financial Aid (grants, scholarships, lottery, etc.)	\$ _____
Student Loan (if applicable)	\$ _____
Parent, Guardian, or Student Contribution	\$ _____
Revenue still needed	\$ _____
*Total Revenue	\$ _____

\*Total Expense and Revenue should be equal.

### Section B: Letter of Recommendation

Enclose one letter of recommendation with your application. (Note: Letters of recommendation should NOT come from a parent, guardian, aunt, uncle, or any other family member.) Faculty and/or private teachers providing recommendations should address the following areas:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- What is the applicant's academic and artistic potential?
- How have you seen the applicant strive for personal enrichment, specifically within the arts?
- Why is the applicant especially deserving of this scholarship?

Name of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Section C: Applicant's Essay

St. Michael's values the performing and visual arts and how they enrich our community and society as a whole. On a separate sheet, please describe what your art form is, what it means to you, and why you are majoring in the arts in college. Please do not exceed one page for your essay.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the Greer Garson Performing & Visual Arts College Scholarship?

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