



Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarships

The **Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarships** were established in memory of Raymond Gordon, a past Board member of Three Rivers Adoption Council. He served as Board Member Emeritus from 2003 until his death in 2005. Mr. Gordon dedicated his life to the betterment of people throughout the world. He was committed to assisting in the *“remarkable ingenuity of people bent on survival and the unwavering work of social workers who often perform monumental tasks under deteriorating conditions.”* Three Rivers Adoption Council was indeed blessed to have been on the “receiving end” of that passion during Mr. Gordon’s lifetime.

Two **Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarships** are available:

One (1) \$2,000 award

One (1) \$1,000 award

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, applicants must:

- 1) have been adopted from the child welfare system and be residing in Western Pennsylvania. Alternate forms of permanency are also accepted (for example, long term foster care, kinship, legal custodial/guardianship, independent living);
- 2) be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an institution for higher education or who is currently enrolled in a post high school educational program; and
- 3) have a GPA of 2.0 or above

Application Process

Applicants must:

- 1) complete an application form (find an application form on Three Rivers Adoption Council’s website: www.3riversadopt.org)
- 2) write a 500-word essay on “How your life will have an impact on the world”
- 3) provide (2) letters of reference (one must be from a high school teacher, professor, guidance counselor, or advisor) and be on institution letterhead
- 4) submit completed application by Friday, May 14, 2010. Awardees will be notified on or before June 7, 2010.

If a scholarship is awarded, the check will be made payable to the awardees’ institution of higher learning.