

# THE CHERRY RIDGE FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN HONOR OF KIM ARMITAGE AND CINDY WILLIAMS

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## HISTORY

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*“I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light.” – Helen Keller*

This scholarship has been established by Julie Kinnaird McCall in memory of her childhood friends, Kim Armitage and Cindy Williams, to honor their friendship that began while attending Cherry Ridge Christian School. True friends can be difficult to find. Knowing the value of friendship and being there when your friends need you can make the world a better, kinder place.

Kimberly Armitage Parrino Mott was born in Bastrop, Louisiana on March 4, 1970. She attended Cherry Ridge Christian School and Bastrop High School. Kim was a very talented artist. Her art was chosen as the official poster of the 1987 Louisiana High School Football Championship. After high school, Kim attended University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Cynthia Ann Williams was born in Bastrop, Louisiana on December 24, 1970. She attended Cherry Ridge Christian School and Bastrop High School. After high school, Cindy attended University of Louisiana at Monroe. She was actively involved in college life, serving as a member of the Student Government Association.

The purpose of this scholarship award is to support students who know the value of friendship and who strive to be the best friends that they can be, just as Kim and Cindy did during their lives.

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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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**AWARD: \$4,000 – 2-year program or \$8,000 – 4-year program**

Each year, subject to availability of funds, one scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior at Bastrop High School. The scholarship will be \$1,000/semester. This student must be pursuing a college degree, in either a 2 or 4-year program, beginning in the Fall following their graduation. They must also have maintained a 3.0 GPA. This scholarship may be renewed each semester for up to two (2) years for a 2-year degree and four (4) years for a 4-year degree, provided renewal requirements are met.

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

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- High School Transcript – minimum 3.0 GPA
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Academic Resume
- Letter of Recommendation from faculty
- Essay on *“What Friendship Means to Me”* – not to exceed 500 words

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## RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

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- Maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Renewable for 8 undergraduate semesters, or 12 undergraduate quarters, or a bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first

- Maintain good standing in the university or college
  - Earn enough credit hours to be considered full-time student
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## APPLICATIONS

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Applications must be submitted by **March 17, 2024**. The recipient will be announced at a graduation related event.

Please visit <https://www.foundationswla.org/cherry-ridge-friends-scholarship> to submit an application. Contact the Community Foundation of SWLA, 337-491-6688, or by email, [dvaughan@foundationswla.org](mailto:dvaughan@foundationswla.org), with any questions.

