

# Criteria for Make Your Mark: Coach Mark Gerald Student Leader Scholarship

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship;
- demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent);
- demonstrate financial need;
- be citizens of the United States of America;
- be current high school seniors attending high school in the United States (students living on U.S. Armed Forces base and home schooled students are also eligible); and
- plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university or technical college
- in the United States for the entire upcoming academic year.

In addition, **candidates must be nominated** by an eligible community leader, such as a high school principal, elected official or executive director of a nonprofit organization, and **must provide documentation** to certify academic performance and financial need. All candidates will be interviewed in person by a member(s) of the selection committee in the Red Bank Elementary School media center. Dates of the interview will be announced once all scholarship applications have been received. A rubric for how your writing within the application will be scored and an interview rubric is attached within the packet. The field will be narrowed down to **2 student leaders** who will receive a \$2,500 scholarship in memory of Coach Mark Gerald.

- Per the Make Your Mark Board of Directors: Once awarded to the recipient, scholarships can be revoked for conduct detrimental or unbecoming of the leadership characteristics stated within this scholarship.

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## MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline for Application April 12, 2019

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2019 and mailed to:

**Make Your Mark: The Coach Mark Gerald Leadership and Achievement Foundation**

**310 Spring Mist Court, Lexington, SC 29072**

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

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment (father): \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment (mother): \_\_\_\_\_

Family's Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_

School Honors, Clubs, Activities, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community Volunteer Activities, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address Of College You Plan To Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships, Financial Aid Received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Drive. Integrity. Leadership. Citizenship.*** (Limit 1 typed page, 12 point font)

1. How do these characteristics exemplify themselves in the life of an individual?
2. Why are all four essential to success and making an impact on our world?
3. Describe someone who has influenced you and where you have seen these characteristics in their lives.

Signature of School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements in the Event You are Awarded a Make Your Mark Scholarship

- **Must maintain the leadership characteristics stated in the scholarship criteria**
- **Must be willing, if able, to speak at Make Your Mark events about how the scholarship and Make Your Mark impacted you in a positive way**
- **Must be willing to be photographed and used in Make Your Mark advertising via social media, newspapers, tv, and radio.**
- **Must write a thank you note to Mrs. Diane Gerald, wife of Coach Mark Gerald for the scholarship indicating the school you plan to attend and your educational intent while attending the institute of higher learning.**

(Scholarships will not be mailed to the institute of higher learning until this step is complete.)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Criteria for the Coach Mark Gerald Student Leadership Scholarship

**LEADERSHIP** Mark Gerald Student Leaders exemplify, inside and outside the classroom, Coach Mark Gerald's legacy of leadership and service. They thrive in extracurricular activities and pursue leadership roles to make a positive difference in their school, in their community and on the job. Scholars appreciate the value of a quality education and have an affinity for discovery and lifelong learning. They are conscientious about their studies and earnestly pursue academic achievement. Their initiative, imagination and innovation will play a significant role as our country tackles the problems of tomorrow.

**DRIVE** As demonstrated by Coach Mark Gerald, student leaders optimistically look toward the future and pursue success with faith and determination. They have the conviction, ambition and courage to make their dreams reality. They approach their goals with a "#Running"™ persistence, and are not deterred by life's challenges. Scholars aspire to advance themselves, their families, and their communities with perpetual hope, self-motivation and the power of hard work. They model uncompromising discipline, punctuality, reliability and work ethic in balancing school obligations with employment.

**INTEGRITY** Mark Gerald Student Leaders are rooted in their principles, values and ethics. They possess the unique combination of self-confidence and humility that defined Coach Mark Gerald's leadership. They earn the respect of their peers by demonstrating genuine integrity, dependability and hope for a brighter future. Student Leaders value family and demonstrate a strong commitment to their role as a contributing member. Often, they make sacrifices to support the overall needs of those around them.

**CITIZENSHIP** Mark Gerald Student Leaders are driven by a sense of civic commitment and pride to actively engage in their communities and affect positive change. They deeply value the freedom and equality that make our nation unique and prosperous. Gerald Student Leaders exhibit Coach Gerald's ideals of personal accountability, tolerance and a belief in the human potential. They possess the awareness, empathy and internal motivation to improve their communities. They serve selflessly in pursuit of prosperity for their fellow students and citizens. Coach Mark Gerald envisioned a community where individuals could be supported in such a way that they become productive, caring, contributing persons perpetuating a cycle of greatness and goodwill to all.

The Make Your Mark: The Coach Mark Gerald Leadership and Achievement Foundation is the nonprofit organization created in memory and specifically charged by him with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - global leadership, intrinsic drive, stellar integrity, and dedicated citizenship . To learn more about its educational curriculum, leadership awards and scholarship programs, please visit [www.makeyourmarkfound.org](http://www.makeyourmarkfound.org).