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**CLEM & MARJORIE REECE & JOAN REECE SEYMOUR
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
ESTABLISHED 1985

The Clem & Marjorie Reece & Joan Reece Seymour Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of William Clement "Clem" and Marjorie Reece, both long-time Long Beach educators and active members of California Heights United Methodist Church, and their daughter Joan Reece Seymour.

As a teacher and as a coach, Clem had an impact on the lives of thousands of young people over a 40-year career. Clem ran track, played basketball and tennis as a student at Whittier College. Between 1928 and 1940, he taught physical education at Jane Adams, Franklin, Lindberg, and Rogers junior high schools and Avalon High School. From 1940 until his retirement in 1968, Coach Reece taught at Jordan High School. He first coached basketball, then baseball, track and cross-country and taught mathematics while at Jordan.

Marjorie Reece was similarly dedicated to her career in elementary education. Her first teaching assignment was in 1929 in Norwalk, California, a position she acquired just after the completion of college. She then took a few years of sabbatical to raise her family, returning to teach at Garfield Elementary School from 1944-1945. Her longest and last teaching position was at Longfellow Elementary School, where students and peers benefited from her contribution and dedication to education from 1946-1968.

Joan Reece Seymour, daughter of Clem and Marjorie Reece, began attending Sunday school as a child at California Heights Methodist Church in 1940 and joined the church in 1944 where she remained an active member until her death in 2001. Joan graduated from Poly High in 1950 and from Whittier College, her parents' alma mater, in 1954. She began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher at Magee Elementary School in Pico Rivera in 1954 and remained there until 1957 when she transferred to the Long Beach Unified School District as a second-grade teacher at Holmes Elementary School. Joan taught in Long Beach for 1 ½ years resigning in 1959 as she began to raise her family.

Scholarships are available to any California Heights United Methodist Church member or constituent to use for tuition and/or expenses of books and supplies for education or training at a post-secondary level. One scholarship per year will be awarded to an entering college freshman when possible. This scholarship fund has been made possible in memory of Clem and Marjorie Reece and Joan Reece Seymour.

Requirements:

1. Deserving student from California Heights United Methodist Church
2. Minimum grade point average (2.5)
3. Minimum college units (12) per semester