



**THE CHARLES A. PRATT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Information Packet**

**CHARLES A. PRATT
1909 – 1989**

Judge Pratt was born April 2, 1909, in Kalamazoo, one of eight children. He attended public schools in Kalamazoo and graduated in 1928 from Kalamazoo Central High School. During the depression, he attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. receiving his law degree in 1935.

Judge Pratt was also active in the broader community serving for several years on the boards of directors of the Douglass Community Association, the Kalamazoo YMCA, Kalamazoo Child Guidance Clinic, Family Service Center, Kalamazoo Visiting Nurses Association, Kalamazoo Goodwill Association and Community Services council. He founded and was a former chairman of the Kalamazoo Legal Aid Bureau. Judge Pratt also was director of the Michigan Children's Aid Society, past president of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association and member of the Community Chest.

He returned to Kalamazoo and opened a law practice on North Burdick Street above the A.L. Lakey Paint Store. He continued that practice until WWII when he was called to active duty in 1940 as an officer in the infantry.

After the war, Judge Pratt returned to continue his legal practice until being elected to be the first district judge in 1968. He retired in 1980.

The Comstock Public Schools Foundation Board decided to create a memorial fund to honor Judge Charles A. Pratt. He was a member of the foundation board for 4 years. He was a long-time resident of the Comstock Community. He was vitally involved and interested in all aspects of the Comstock Community, including the Community Center, Parks and Recreation, Comstock Community Library and others.

TRIBUTE

Judge Charles Pratt's life presents encouragement and a powerful example for all who aspire to better themselves through industry, integrity and education; who work to overcome economic, social and racial barriers and thereby make lasting contributions to their community and nation.

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Adult Education graduates and Comstock High School graduates will be considered.
- Applicants must plan on pursuing a two or four year law-related curriculum.
- Applicants must possess a 2.8 GPA through seven semesters.

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