

JASHEMSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
For Undergraduate Studies

The Stanley A. Jashemski Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by action of the Session of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church and through the generosity of the family and friends of Stanley A. Jashemski, a physicist with deep appreciation for the arts. For many years he and his wife, Wilhelmina, then a professor of humanities and ancient history at the University of Maryland, sponsored a Sunday School forum in which young adults could explore their faith in an intellectually challenging environment. Their shared commitment to encourage the development of persons with potential for inspired, enlightened leadership is reflected in the goals and purposes of the Fund which has now become the Stanley and Wilhelmina Jashemski Scholarship Fund .

Dr. Wilhelmina Jashemski was Professor Emerita of Ancient History at the University of Maryland where she taught for over a quarter century, touching thousands of students through her courses in the humanities, Roman and Greek history. Her pioneering work in garden archeology, begun in Pompeii in 1958, and documented in numerous landmark books and articles, earned her a Gold Medal from the American Institute of Archeology for lifetime achievement.

Jashemski Scholarships provide financial assistance for students of outstanding intellectual ability as evidenced by prior academic performance, and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a religious body, regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry.

Eligibility

- Ordinarily recipients will be young people (17-25 years of age) who demonstrate in their thought and action the broad religious sensitivity characteristic of Stanley and Wilhelmina Jashemski;
- are pursuing undergraduate degrees with a significant component of liberal arts courses;
- are active members of a Christian church;
- show evidence of social and civic concern;
- have demonstrated academic excellence, at least a 3.5 GPA
- have financial need
- have completed an application form

Finalists will be interviewed in April

Grants are made according to need, ordinarily in amounts up from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Students may re-apply annually.

All other factors being comparable, preference for awarding scholarships will be given to students who are (in descending order)

- Members of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
- Members of a Presbyterian Church in the National Capital Presbytery
- Members of a Presbyterian Church in the Synod of the Mid Atlantic
- Members of a Church in Metropolitan Washington, DC

Please complete the application form and attach the following items.

- Transcripts of high school records and college records (if applicable).
- A list of four references who have been asked to write letters of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee:
 - one letter from a teacher with competence in the humanities;
 - one letter from a teacher in the applicant's major field, if applicable (if major is in the humanities only three letters of recommendation are required);
 - one letter from the applicant's pastor / religious leader;
 - one letter from an individual competent to comment on the applicant's community service.

Essays

- An essay on the applicant's personal goals or an important personal experience, including an explanation of how the humanities provide perspective on the topic chosen (between 1000 and 1500 words).
- A statement on *how* you will pursue liberal arts studies and *why* you have chosen the particular area of the liberal arts you are studying. (up to 1500 words).
- Please briefly describe any international or cross cultural study (anticipated or completed).

“Pursuing Liberal Arts Studies” Defined

“Liberal Arts” are understood as a balanced curriculum among the arts and humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and mathematics. Qualifying students will normally major in one of these areas. Students from other fields must demonstrate how they are pursuing liberal arts.

High School seniors applying for the Jashemski scholarship will be asked what coursework in the humanities, arts and liberal arts they intend to take in college.

Please mail the completed application form (plus the material above) to :

Chairperson, The Jashemski Scholarship Committee
c/o Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
310 Tulip Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Application Due date: April 1.
Interview dates: In the month of April.
Notification Date: By April 30, we will notify students if they have received a scholarship.