



Kathy Jendrzewski

My name is Kathy Jendrzewski (**Ms. J**). I am a former teacher at both the middle school and high school in Marana and even though I am now retired, I remember fondly the people and many great experiences at Marana Unified School District. I enjoy volunteer teaching, mentoring students through the **Education Funding Foundation** where I tutor students 10 hours or more every month. "Knowledge is power" through continuing education!

In appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the MUSD family, I am sponsoring an essay competition between **Marana High School** and **Mountain View High School** to support the mission of higher education for those students who wish to go on to college or attend a specialty or trade career school after their high school graduation.

I am sponsoring a total of 3 scholarships which will provide 3 recipients with \$30,000 each, in funding value toward their continuing education after high school. One scholarship will go to the winner of the essay competition at *Marana High School*. Another will go to the essay winner at *Mountain View High School* and a third will be awarded to the high school who had the most competition participants. In other words, which ever high school has the greatest number of participants by the contest deadline, will earn their school a second scholarship for their schoolmates.

As life-long educator and a person who enjoys the benefit of higher education, it is my honor to sponsor the Marana Unified School District "**School Spirit Essay Competition**." The winner will earn a merit-based endowment scholarship valued at \$30,000 over 4 years for the student who meets and follows the contest rules to receive maximum assistance throughout college or specialty school. ALL students, Freshmen through Seniors, are encouraged to participate. THERE IS NO COST.

The awards, which come directly from the endowment funds of the college the winner could select to attend, are based on talents, fields of interest and career, NOT income and assets. This competition is about your **School Spirit** and the value of the education opportunities your school offers and what it means to you, the student.

This essay scholarship competition award is my way of showing appreciation for the Marana community and the opportunities available through higher education. It is my goal to encourage every student to make the most of their unique potential in appreciation for the education and inspiration at **your high school**, as expressed in your essay.

Your application and essay must be submitted on or before Midnight – Friday, February 28, 2025. For application and contest rules for yourself or your students, put your **name and phone number** in the subject line and send it to:

Marana@edfunds.org or click here → <http://marana.edfunds.org> If you don't see it, call 520 979 2041 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Tucson, AZ
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School Spirit Essay Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Personal Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____ Student Cell: _____

School Attending: _____ Counselor: _____

GPA _____ (4 point scale only) SAT _____ ACT _____ (If completed or N/A) Graduation Class Of 20 _____

Scholastic Awards and Achievements _____

Fields Of Interest _____

Preferred Colleges _____

Jobs _____ Sports _____

Community Service (Type and total hours) _____

Father's Full Name _____ Email _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Daytime Phone Parent 1. (____) _____ Parent 2. (____) _____

Father's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Number Of Siblings ____ Names and Ages _____

Your Essay of 350–500 typewritten words on the topic: **Think of someone, student, parent, staff member or others and describe how that person has made a difference in your life at your high school. Please expand on the inspiration that person provides to encourage you to lead by example through, and beyond high school.**

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Email application and essay (no links) to <mailto:musdessay@edfunds.org> DEADLINE February 28, 2025

Only Judges enter below this line.

Score - Content _____ 70% Originality _____ 20% Form _____ 10% Total _____

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School Spirit Essay Contest
REQUIREMENTS

Dear MUSD High School Students and Parents,

As a life-long educator, it is my honor to sponsor the **"School Spirit Essay Competition."**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND RULES

We know there are many people in your high school community who give above and beyond what is required to promote and uphold the traditions of excellence and spirit of your school. Think of someone, student, parent, staff member or others and describe how that person has had an influence on your life and your school. Please expand on the inspiration that person supplies to encourage you to lead by example as you move through, and beyond high school.

Be creative, be original, and keep in mind that 70% of the score will come from the content of your essay, so give it thought. Have fun and think of someone from your high school who has been an influence in your life and in our community. You will receive extra credit when you get an educator or staff member to refer you using this [referral form](#).

The following are required to receive maximum funding assistance throughout college.

1. You must be accepted at 6 or more schools. (We will show you how to apply to 6 without fees)
2. You must file the FAFSA and other required school applications. **(Required for ANY scholarships)**
3. You must follow our recommended negotiation strategies throughout your college career.
 - Send application and essay by Midnight Friday, February 28, 2025.
 - email to: musdessay@edfunds.org (no links - Please attach actual documents).
 - * Resume' optional as are [staff referrals](#) for extra credit.

Questions? Call – 520 979 2041, or 520 256 9825