

Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Slippery Rock University

The Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship is established at Slippery Rock University with the permission of her family, and by the faculty and staff of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The Scholarship is created to celebrate the life, ideals, and accomplishments of Gwen J. Elliott and her 26-year career with the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. She was the first African American woman to achieve the rank of commander in the City of Pittsburgh police force. When she retired from the police force, Commander Elliott founded Gwen's Girls, a charity that provides programs for at-risk girls and young women, helping them to form relationships, build self-esteem, and gain resiliency. Commander Elliott died of cancer on May 14, 2007. The Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship is maintained within the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that exists to support Slippery Rock University.

The Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Slippery Rock University who most closely exemplifies the ideals of Commander Elliott. Elliott Scholars will have proven academic excellence, appropriate activities in the discipline, and service to the community or University.

Award amount = up to \$1000 (up to \$500 for each of the two semesters of the specific AY)

1. Preference given to a female African American student majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice
2. Preference given to a male African American student majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Scholarship Committee, along with Dr. Kathi Elliott, will select a scholar upon review of applications submitted. Application packets should include:

1. Evidence of Academic Performance (copy of student's Degree Audit Report);
2. Résumé/Vita indicating volunteer hours, service to the community, etc.;
3. A 1-2 page essay describing how the student is deserving of the Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship and how this award would assist the applicant in reaching academic and/or professional goals.

Electronic application packets should be sent via email to:

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Subject line: "Commander Gwen J. Elliott Scholarship"

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Application deadline is March 1st.

Recipient will be asked to attend an Awards Ceremony in April.