



April 10, 2020

Dear Class of 2020 Lady Seniors,

The MVRCS PTO is pleased to announce that we will again help facilitate the awarding of a scholarship in the memory of **Emily Kearney**, a former Math teacher at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.

Ms. Kearney passed away in 2016 and her family, in honor of her passion and enthusiasm in educating students in math and the sciences, created the Emily Kearney Memorial Scholarship in her honor. The scholarship will be given to a deserving young woman to help pursue her chosen career with a focus on either math or the sciences, or in education where she teaches math and/or the sciences.

As we did last year, the MVRCS PTO will again match the Kearney family gift and are pleased to announce a \$1,000 scholarship this year. The Scholarship Application and Profile are now at the College Counseling Office, and online at [www.MVRCSPTO.org](http://www.MVRCSPTO.org).

**Please note: With the current school closure, the PTO has revised the application process to make it easier to submit the application package, Letter(s) of Reference, and the Scholastic Standing documentation as required by the Scholarship Committee. Please look for updated areas of the application instructions (now underlined) that explain these new submission guidelines.**

If you have any questions about the Scholarship, please contact The College Counseling Office, and they will contact the Scholarship Committee on your behalf.

Please read the Scholarship Profile and Scholarship Application carefully! Applications for the Scholarships are now **due on or before 5pm Friday, May 8, 2020, and must be sent by EMAIL to [Outreach@mvrscpto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvrscpto.org)**. The Committee cannot accept late applications. We hope that you will keep the deadline in mind and apply for one of the scholarships.

We also wish you all the best of luck as you apply for colleges and approach your High School graduation.

Sincerely,

Peggy Kerans  
PTO Scholarship Chairwoman  
*and*  
Heidi Barraza  
PTO President

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The Mystic Valley Regional Charter School PTO Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, gender identity, homelessness, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation with regard to its applicants.

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**Kearney-PTO Scholarship 2019-2020**

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**New Deadline: 5pm on Friday, May 8.**

**Email application package to [OUTREACH@MVRCSPTO.ORG](mailto:OUTREACH@MVRCSPTO.ORG).**

**Due to school closure, additional remote submission instructions underlined below.**

**Application Instructions**

- Carefully read the MVRCS Kearney-PTO Scholarship instructions before completing the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Make sure the application and all required forms are completed, and submit all requested information, including at least one Letter of Reference. This Letter can be sent directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) with subject line “Letter of Reference for...” and the appropriate student name.
- The Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation Form must be signed by one of the college counselors. In lieu of signature, college counselors may send an email confirming the applicant’s GPA and anticipated graduation date to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org). Please use subject line “Scholastic Standing for...” and the appropriate student name.
- Return the application and all requested documents via EMAIL to: [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org). PDF and Word docs accepted. All scholarship application materials will be forwarded to Scholarship Committee Chair Mrs. Peggy Kerans.

**These documents must be sent to [OUTREACH@MVRCSPTO.ORG](mailto:OUTREACH@MVRCSPTO.ORG) via EMAIL by 5pm on Friday, May 8, 2020. The committee cannot accept late applications.**

**Application package checklist:**

- I have completed the Applicant Information section.
- I have enclosed at least one Letter of Reference, or requested that it be forwarded directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) using subject line “Letter of Reference for...” and the appropriate student name.
- I have enclosed my Essay.
- I have enclosed a signed Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation form, or requested email confirmation from a college counselor be sent directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) using subject line “Scholastic Standing for...” and the appropriate student name.

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## Part I - Applicant Information

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State: MA Zip:

Telephone No (            )

Please list any **pertinent courses** that relate to the Kearney Scholarship that you have taken at MVRCS.\*\*

Please list any **clubs/hobbies** that you have participated in while at MVRCS and that may reinforce your career pursuits as they relate to the focus of the Kearney Scholarship.\*\*

\*\*In the alternative, the applicant may attach a course list or any resume of extra-curricular and/or work experiences prepared for college applications (*not a copy of the college "Common Application"*).

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## Part II – Letter(s) of Reference

Letter(s) of Reference may be emailed directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) by your Reference with subject line “Letter of Reference for...” and the appropriate student name.

Please include with your application **at least one** Letter of Reference, or have your letter sent directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) with subject line “Letter of Reference for...” and the appropriate student name. The letter should come from a non-relative who has known the applicant for at least a school year and can comment to some degree on:

- a. The applicant’s character and integrity.
- b. Their effectiveness as a mentor/helper in school or work related subjects.
- c. Their passion for their intended career path whether it be education with a math/science focus or other math/science related career.
- d. Any other pertinent details the writer thinks would be of use.

**Do not submit more than two Letters of Reference.**

## Part III – Essay

Please submit an Essay with your application. Your essay should answer the following questions:

***Why do you desire a career in education with a focus on math and science?  
Or, why do you desire a career in the particular math/science centered  
industry?***

***What kind of impact do you wish to have in your profession after pursuing  
and achieving your degree in your chosen field?***

Your essay should be between 250 and 1000 words in length. It should be typewritten (preferably) or neatly handwritten on a separate piece of paper. **PLEASE DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. DO NOT USE YOUR NAME IN THE BODY OF THE ESSAY.** Your essay will be assigned a number that corresponds with your application and will be evaluated “blindly” by the review committee.

Please attach your Essay directly to the application.

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## Part IV - Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation

To be signed by one of the college counselors, or in lieu of a signature, have an email confirmation of the same information sent by a college counselor directly to [Outreach@mvracspto.org](mailto:Outreach@mvracspto.org) under subject line "Scholastic Standing for..." with appropriate student name.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, College Counselor at the Mystic Valley  
College Counselor Name

Regional Charter School, confirm that I have reviewed the scholastic record of the  
following applicant to the MVRCS PTO Scholarship:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Applicant's Name

[ ] I certify that this applicant has achieved a current grade point average of  
Initial Here 2.0 or higher.

[ ] I certify that the applicant is a student of Mystic Valley Regional  
Initial Here Charter School and is anticipated to graduate in June 2020.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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