

EDUCATION IS EVERYTHING

Dr. Don Gray was a committed member of the Blue Springs learning community. Don, a Blue Springs School District teacher, coach and administrator passed away in 2006 at the age of 64. Dr. Gray last served the school district as principal at Brittany Hill Middle School. After retiring from Blue Springs in 1998, Dr. Gray spent three years as a middle school principal in the Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas.

A native of Wentworth, Missouri, and a graduate of the University of Missouri, Dr. Gray came to the Blue Springs School District in 1966 as the Blue Springs High School head boys basketball coach and Social Studies teacher. He was also an assistant football coach. Dr. Gray became assistant principal at Blue Springs Junior High, which is now the Freshman Center, and was named principal at Hall-McCarter Junior High School in 1975. He was named principal of Blue Springs Junior High in 1981 and He was instrumental in the opening of Butler-Dwyer Junior High in 1988, which became Blue Springs South High School.



Dr. Gray will live forever in the hearts of all those he touched. He was dedicated to education, family and friends and was held in the highest esteem by fellow educators and the entire community. He was dedicated to always doing what was best for children.

Dr. Gray earned four collegiate degrees, was Chairman-Elect of the Board of Directors of the Midwest United Credit Union, a long-time member of the Blue Springs Country Club. Dr. Gray was an avid golfer and enjoyed watching MU, the Kansas City Chiefs and Blue Springs athletic events.

The Blue Springs Board of Education named the Freshman Center gymnasium in Dr. Gray's honor where he spent countless hours coaching and shaping the future. Don was above all a child advocate and dedicated leader and he lived by the motto he proclaimed, "Education is Everything".

# Don Gray Memorial Scholarship

Blue Springs School District Seniors majoring in education are eligible to apply for the Don Gray Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship winner will receive \$1,000.00 for continuing education expenses. This may include: four year colleges or universities, community or two year colleges. Checks will be issued to the educational institution at the time enrollment information is provided to the scholarship committee. All applications are due no later than February 24. Completed applications may be mailed or dropped off at the following address:

**Don Gray Memorial Scholarship Committee**  
**Gail T. Bartow Administrative Services Center**  
**Care of: Katherine Barton**  
**1801 NW Vesper**  
**Blue Springs MO 64015**

## All applications are due no later than February 24.

Applicants please complete the following:

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First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth
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Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Attending High School	School	Graduation Date
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Parental Employment	M	Total Family Adjusted Gross Income
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List all part-time/full-time work experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost per year for your educational plan \_\_\_\_\_  
(tuition, books, and room and board if applicable)

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Composite ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Major for post secondary education \_\_\_\_\_

Career goals \_\_\_\_\_

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Below please tell the committee about yourself, your future plans and explain how continued education will play a role in your life and any barriers you will overcome to pursue your goals. In addition, you may use the reverse side of this sheet, and/or a separate sheet(s) as needed.

