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MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST YMCA EARL WYMAN PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**“To foster, promote and reward academic excellence and achievement;
To develop respect for--and observance of --the moral, social and legal
underpinnings of society and its intuitions.” –Earl Wyman**

**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
ARE YOU A FULL TIME STUDENT BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 18?
DO YOU WANT TO WIN \$500?**

If you answered YES to all the questions, then YOU qualify to participate in the Earl Wyman Performance Achievement Award Scholarship Program promoting Academic Achievement, Behavioral Achievement, Community Service and Non-Academic Achievement. Apply at www.mgcyymca.org.

**Applications accepted through MARCH 3, 2023
\$500 will be awarded to two deserving participants between 15 and 18 years of age. Winners will be contacted prior to and presented with the award in April 2023.**

**For more information:
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What started out as a simple, one-time donation, turned into an ongoing scholarship fund for youth of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Earl Wyman Performance Achievement Award is given each year to two deserving teens between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years of age. The \$500 award, given through the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA, can be used in any way the winner chooses.

Mr. Earl Wyman owned a piece of property in Ocean Springs and contacted then CEO, David Harris, about donating it to the YMCA. "We started talking and got to know each other. I told him about the Y and some of the things we were trying to do here for the young people of the Coast" said Harris. "He liked what he heard." Although the two never got to meet in person, they maintained a relationship through phone calls and correspondence which lasted many years. Years later, Wyman had an idea for another way he could help the YMCA and area youth. He drew up the plan and qualifications for The Earl Wyman Performance Achievement Award – the same criteria that are still used today. The winners must be between fifteen and eighteen years of age, a full-time student, and must be involved in a program or organization that benefits the community. Each applicant for the award must also complete a questionnaire covering topics such as academic achievements, moral achievements, community service and life goals. Mr. Wyman ultimately set up an endowment for the scholarship program, which has enabled his vision of helping youth.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

To foster, promote and reward academic excellence and achievement.

To develop respect for and observance of the moral, social, and legal underpinnings of society and its institutions.

To support and encourage the development of the "whole person" through a balanced program of individual and personal religious, community oriented, charitable, environmental and extra curricular activities.

