

## **The West Fraser – Daisy Bates Memorial Scholarship Criteria**

This scholarship is established to honor the life, legacy and memory of Mrs. Daisy L. Gatson Bates 1914-1999. Born Daisy Lee Gatson, November 11, 1914 in Huttig, AR. After marrying L.C. Bates, Daisy moved to Little Rock and the couple operated the Arkansas State Press, a weekly newspaper. Daisy Bates was active in the Civil Rights movement, and served as the President of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1952. Mrs. Bates played a critical role in the fight against school segregation. In 1957 she helped nine African American students enroll and attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock. The Bates home served as the headquarters during this pivotal school year in the movement to integrate Central High School.

Mrs. Daisy Bates was committed to the cause of ensuring a quality education for all students, and an activist for social justice. This scholarship is established in memory of Mrs. Daisy L. Gatson Bates to ensure students from the Strong – Huttig School District always know the positive impact she has had on public education and the role she played in American History.

The West Fraser – Daisy Bates Scholarship was created to provide scholarship assistance to worthy graduates of Strong-Huttig High School, Strong, Arkansas.

### **Eligibility Criteria -**

Criteria to be used by the Advisory Committee in selection of recipients who are worthy graduates of Strong-Huttig High School, Strong, Arkansas shall include, but not limited to, academic merit, character, financial need and:

- Graduating senior from Strong-Huttig High School, Strong, Arkansas.
- Recipients must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

### **Scholarship Application Criteria -**

- Completed and submitted online scholarship application.
- Cumulative high school transcript through the most recent term which must include either ACT or SAT scores.
- A letter of recommendation: either from a school official or an adult community member (other than a family member).
- In your own words, a single page typewritten essay on the importance of school and community involvement.

**Apply:** Click here to apply and submit online scholarship application.

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