

Jennifer Sarnes' Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Ann Sarnes is her formal given name, but to those who had the pleasure to know her, she was simply Sarnes. When a person can be known by one name, it speaks to being a presence. Her quick sarcastic wit and knowledge of trivia made her the proverbial life of the party. She was just a person that everyone wanted to be around, to laugh with, to ask advice from, and to just be near. This X factor is what made her true calling as a teacher... the reason why so many of her students continue to carry her in their hearts.

Ms. Sarnes, to her students, inspired a love of reading through competition - with her. A voracious reader, she challenged students to beat her page goals by modeling the behavior and skills she was endeavoring to teach them. She simply did not *teach* reading; rather she *inspired* reading. Many reluctant readers fell under her spell and blossomed. Through the Holocaust Reading Unit, students read about and heard about a dark time in history and came away with a new perspective about life and what is truly important.

Her presence was felt not only in the classroom, but in the innumerable extracurricular activities that she was an official part of and the ones that she volunteered to help out at a critical moment. She was simply everywhere, a part of everything, which made her such an invaluable and intrinsic part of the experience at Southern.

The ideals of this scholarship are lofty ones. It is difficult to quantify someone who inspired students, who encouraged them to be better versions of themselves, who volunteered because it was the right thing to do to make students' lives richer, and who embodied the craft of teaching so effortlessly. The former Wilson Southern Middle School student and recipient of this scholarship should be truly proud to carry on the tradition of Ms. Sarnes.

Jennifer Sarnes' Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
SCHOLARSHIP for Future Teachers 2025 APPLICATION
Provided through the Wilson Education Foundation

The Jennifer Sarnes' Memorial Scholarship for Future Teachers will be granted to a member of the senior class who attended Southern Middle School and demonstrates intention to pursue a future in Education. Ideal candidates will be completing a 4-year field of study at an accredited school in the field of education. Please see submission details below.

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
Last First Middle Mo Day Year

ADDRESS _____
Street Email Address

_____ City ST Zip Phone number

Name of Father, Stepfather or Male Guardian _____

Occupation _____ Employed by _____

Name of Mother, Stepmother or Female Guardian _____

Occupation _____ Employed by _____

Do you have any siblings currently attending college? _____ If so, how many? _____

Circle the grade(s) you attended Southern Middle School 6th 7th 8th

College, University, trade, or technical school where you have been accepted and expect to enroll:

_____ Name City ST

Briefly describe the course of study you plan to pursue _____

Please estimate your annual expenses for: _____ + _____ + _____ = _____
Tuition Room & Board Books & Fees Total

If requested, I agree to provide other information that may be needed to determine class standing and financial need.

_____ Signature of Applicant Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Submit the following to the WHS counseling office by: Friday, April 18, 2025.

- 1. This completed application form.**
- 2. Resume detailing career goals, education, activities, awards, volunteer and/or work experience, etc.**
- 3. One-page typed essay detailing the reasons you are choosing a career in Education.**
- 4. High school transcript**
- 5. Contact information of 2 high school teachers for reference**

The recipient will be announced at the Academic Awards Night.