Sarah B. Bryan Memorial Scholarship Application

University of Maryland
Department of Fire Protection Engineering

Supporting undergraduate women fire protection engineering students who demonstrate dedication to the profession and the purpose of saving lives.

- Fire Protection Engineering
- Fire Research
- Technological Investigation
- Human Behavior in the Fire Environment
Scholarship Purpose

Provide at least one annual scholarship award of at least $5,000 for female undergraduate students in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. These individuals should reflect the intelligence, convictions, courage and character of Sarah Bryan.

Qualifications

Each applicant must:
- Be a female undergraduate with sophomore, junior, or senior academic standing in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 grade points upon submitting her application
- Have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering
- Have relevant fire protection experience as described below

Instructions

- Complete the application.
- Submit the following:
  - a one page letter indicating your rationale for studying fire protection engineering, your projected career goals, and your fire protection related work accomplishments
  - legible copies of all transcripts from all post secondary school academic registrations
  - a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering
- All documents should be sealed in an envelope and be in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering Office by the deadline noted below.

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About Sarah B. Bryan

Sarah Barton grew up in rural Oklahoma, the youngest of four children in a family with limited means. As a teenager, she taught herself to sew and design clothes. Sarah's sophisticated sense of design and creative talent flourished throughout her life. Sarah graduated top in her high school class and earned magna cum laude honors from Oklahoma State University with a B.A. in Journalism. She married John L. Bryan in 1950. Sarah excelled as a journalist with The Oklahoma State University Agricultural Extension Service while John worked and completed his bachelors and masters degrees.

Sarah believed in John's entrepreneurial idea for an accredited college program in Fire Protection Engineering. As a skilled journalist Sarah not only encouraged John but helped him articulate his program vision to universities he targeted. Once John founded the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland, Sarah continued to be his rock of support. Sarah spent countless hours editing John's papers, speeches, and book chapters. She provided invaluable professional guidance and did whatever it took to help the startup program. Sarah shined at professional and social gatherings by performing the role of “department head's wife” while not letting go of her identity as a highly intelligent, well-informed individual with a sharp wit.

As John worked long hours developing the Department of Fire Protection Engineering and supporting his students, Sarah led the raising of their son and daughter. She was heavily involved in both school and community causes. Both children went on to attain graduate degrees from top universities and achieve professional success. They see their parents as exceptional role models, supporters, and friends.

Sarah's ideas and approach to life were a generation ahead of her time, which made her untimely death from cancer a true tragedy. Dr. Bryan established the Sarah B. Bryan Scholarship as a tribute to the values of scholarship, hard work, courage, and merit-based success that Sarah embodied.

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