

# About The Mathilde Jane Gutow Scholarship

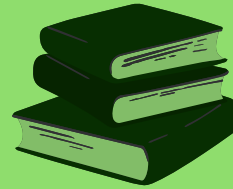
The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship provides support for undergraduate students who have been touched by or aged out of the foster care system to ensure college-level success.

This scholarship provides gap tuition assistance, professional development, peer mentoring, one on one tutoring resources, educational materials such as books, or a meal plan up to \$1500 per semester.

The goal is to provide success with structured wrap-around support to address the transition to university life and academic success.



# About Mathilde Jane Gutow



Mathilde Jane Landesman was born in Cleveland on February 23, 1919, and raised in an orphanage and foster care until she turned 16. She graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1937 and worked as a Deputy Auditor for Mahoning County.

In 1943, Jane joined the Women's Army Corps, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines as an auditor, stenographer, and artist. She received several honors, including two Bronze Battle Stars and a Victory Medal.

After her military service, Jane earned a bachelor's degree in physiology from Cleveland College of Western Reserve University in 1948 and worked as a social worker. She later obtained a teaching certificate in 1965 and a master's degree from Case Western University in 1971. She worked as a teacher and was active in adult literacy programs at the Cleveland Public Library.

Despite physical disabilities, Jane was a voracious reader, skilled artist, and Girl Scout leader. The Mathilde Jane Gutow Endowed Scholarship, funded by her daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Thomas Hopkins, honors her memory and offers Cleveland State University students who have aged out of the foster care system the opportunity to follow her example and live meaningful and satisfying lives.

# Mathilde Jane Gutow Scholarship Requirements

## Eligibility:

- A GPA of 2.5 or Higher
- touched by or aged out of the foster care system
- Maintain minimum of 6 credits

## Responsibilities:

- Participate in scheduled Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program activities, events and programs.
- Maintain an overall 2.5 Grade Point Average, or higher.
- Attend all classes and complete all course requirements



## Mathilde Jane Gutow



For More Information:



## The Scholar's Creed

Society will draw a circle that shuts me out,  
But my superior thoughts will draw me in.  
I was born to win, if I do not spend too much  
time trying to fail. I will ignore  
the tags and names given to me by society,  
Since only I know, what I have the ability to  
become.

Failure is just as easy to combat as success  
is to obtain.

Education is painful and not gained by  
playing games.

Yet, it is my privilege to destroy myself  
If that is what I choose to do.

I have the right to fail  
But I do not have the right to take other  
people with me  
God made me the captain of only one life -  
my own

It is my right to care nothing about myself,  
But I must be willing to accept  
The consequences for that failure.  
And, I must never think that those who have  
chosen to work

While I played, rested, and slept will share  
their bounties with me

My success and my education can be  
companions

That no misfortune can depress,  
No crime can destroy, and no enemy can  
alienate.

With out education, man is a slave  
A savage, wandering from here to there,  
Believing whatever he is told  
Time and chance come to us all  
I can either be hesitant or courageous.

I can swiftly stand up and shout:  
This is my time and place.  
I will accept the challenge!

## Are You A Mathilde Jane Gutow Scholar?



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