

THE STORY OF BARBARA DODD ANDERSON



The Anderson Scholarship was established by Barbara Dodd Anderson who was a member of the class of 1950 at George School. Barbara was a teacher who inherited her wealth from her father, a respected professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Business. David Dodd taught billionaire philanthropist Warren Buffet who is well known for his belief in sharing your wealth while you are still alive so your money can go to work and help others. Barbara was very inspired by Warren's example of generosity. She chose to help George School because of the respect she had for the faculty, and her appreciation for the school's culture which she described as "a school without pretensions, where caring for and learning from each other are as important as academic success." In her over sixty-year relationship with the school, Barbara's philanthropy touched every aspect of George School life. Those who had the privilege of knowing Barbara over the years describe her as an extraordinary example of someone who led a humble and generous life.

Scholarship Description

Barbara Dodd Anderson created the Anderson Scholarship to recognize students who are socially involved, respectful towards others, and committed to academic excellence. Each year the Anderson Scholarships are awarded to four new boarding students who exemplify these characteristics, regardless of financial need. Recipients are chosen based upon information provided during the admission application process as well as through the candidate's Anderson Scholarship essay.

The selection committee is looking for students who have maintained at least a B+ average, and who have demonstrated a willingness to serve others in their schools, religious institutions, or community organizations. The committee is also interested in students who are good role models in their community, and who display a positive attitude and concern for others, including a respect for the rules and values of their current school.

How to apply

If you believe you meet the criteria established for this scholarship, and you would like to apply, please write a 500–750 word essay in response to the following statement:

Barbara Dodd Anderson was a true philanthropist in every sense of the word. The Oxford English Dictionary defines philanthropy as, "the desire to promote the welfare of others." Synonyms of philanthropy include humanitarianism, social conscience, unselfishness, kindness, and compassion. During her lifetime Barbara Dodd Anderson was able to make a significant impact on the lives of students at George School through her philanthropy.

If you had unlimited time and resources, please describe how you would want to make an impact on the lives of others through philanthropy.

Mail, fax, or email your essay to George School by February 15. Please be sure to include your name on each page of the essay.

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