

Robert Ciota Scholarship

Selection Committee

The recipient of the annual Robert L. Ciota Scholarship will be selected by a committee consisting of the following M.C.H.S. faculty members: Principal, Assistant Principal, Director of Guidance (or a counselor), and a senior member of the faculty with the final approval to be given by one member of the Ciota family (Mrs. Melissa Ciota, Steven Ciota, Dr. Mark Ciota, or Douglas Ciota).

Criteria for Consideration

1. The applicant must be a member of the senior class at M.C.H.S.
2. The applicant must have exhibited scholastic ability which would indicate probable success in a four-year college or university.
3. The applicant must have shown clear evidence of a desire to obtain further academic training in a four-year college or university after graduation from high school.
4. The applicant must have shown personal qualities which would be expected of a sound student citizen at M.C.H.S.
5. The applicant must have revealed sound personal work traits at M.C.H.S. as exhibited by punctuality, responsiveness to directions, personal initiative, and positive study habits.
6. Financial need is not a factor in selecting the recipient of this scholarship.

Amount of the Scholarship

The Robert L. Ciota Scholarship will be in the amount of \$1000 for the 2012-13 academic year. The money will be paid directly to the college or university after proof of enrollment in the college or university is presented to the principal of Morris Community High School.

ROBERT L. CIOTA SCHOLARSHIP

Biographical Sketch of Robert L. Ciota

Robert L. Ciota was the principal of Morris Community High School from 1977 until 1990 when he retired. He began teaching math in Morris in 1965 and also served as varsity basketball and baseball coach from 1965 to 1969. He was then named assistant principal.

After graduating from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in education, he began teaching math in 1965 at Tri-City High School in Buffalo, Illinois. He then went to Riverton where he was a teacher and coach for three years, followed by five years of teaching and coaching at Virden High School. He earned his master's degree in education administration from the University of Illinois in 1960 and received a certificate of advanced study from the University of Illinois in Education Administration in 1972. He also received a federal grant to study mathematics at the Illinois Institute of Science and Technology in Chicago.

Mr. Ciota was an avid fan of all sports. He particularly enjoyed the Morris Redskins, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Chicago Bears. He enjoyed music, movies, and the theater. He believed in young people and was unrelenting in his support for them as they pursued their educational goals.

In July of 1990, he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. He died November 8, 1991 at his home in Morris, Illinois. He and his wife Melissa had three sons--Steven, Mark, and Douglas.

ROBERT L. CIOTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Morris Community High School

This application should be completed and returned to the Guidance Department no later than **April 12, 2012**. Please provide all information requested.

Date: _____

General Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

College or university you will attend after graduation from M.C.H.S.

Please provide two letters of recommendation. One of these letters must be from an M.C.H.S. faculty member. List the names of the people providing the letters below.

1. _____ 2. _____

On the next page, please provide a statement for the selection committee that describes your educational/career goals.

