

## The Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established to honor the grandmothers of Terry L. Shepard, son of the late enrolled member Gordon David Shepard. It is open to enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee members and to their children whose home address is in Red Springs and Bartelme townships, including Bowler and Gresham. A grant of \$250 is available to full-time college students (12+ credits) and high school graduates who have been accepted by a four-year college when they attend full-time.

Preference will be given to students in good standing whom the scholarship will help complete a degree. Secondary preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in fields useful to the Stockbridge-Munsee community and society in general, such as education, the environment, health, law, journalism or social work.

To apply:

1. Send this application or request the form (715-793-4100)
2. A copy of your latest official transcript (no grade reports).
3. New students, copy of your High School transcript.
4. A one-page, typed personal essay focusing on how you will apply your education and if you are involved in community and/or extra-curricular activities.
5. An acceptance letter from the college you will be attending, if this is your first year at that school.
6. Must be registered a full-time student. (12+ credits) for the new school year.
7. Must provide a copy of class schedule for the fall term of the current year.

Send to: Stockbridge-Munsee Education  
Shepard-Sunderland Scholarship  
P.O. Box 70  
Bowler, WI 54416

Deadline: **Complete applications must be received by Thursday, July 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm**  
No faxes, incomplete, or late applications will be accepted.

Complete applications will be scored as follows:

GPA: 4.0-3.75 equals 50 pts	3.24-3.0 equals 35 pts
3.74-3.5 equals 45 pts	2.99-2.75 equals 30 pts
3.49-3.25 equals 40 pts	The maximum essay score is 40 pts.

First Name	MI	Last Name	Phone Number
Street Address		City	State Zip Code
Declared Major/ Minor	College/University Attending	College/University Address	College/University Phone #
Expected Graduation Date	Please indicate what grade level you will be in for semester checked below: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
Check one:			
<input type="checkbox"/> S/M Enrolled Enrollment #: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> S/M Direct Descendant Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Enrollment #: _____	

## Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland

Grace Meredith Yoccum (1891-1960) was an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. Her Mohican name was Moween or “Black Bear,” fitting for a woman about six feet tall.

The daughter of Adrian Yoccum and Lena May Antone, she had one sister, Erma. Moses and Abraham Yoccum, the signers of treaties for the tribe at New Stockbridge, NY, in the 1820s, were among her ancestors, as were members of the Sprague, Antone, Chicks, Miller, Pye and Calvin families. In the Chicks line, she was a descendant of Jacob Cheeksaunkun, cited in the book “The Mohicans of Stockbridge” by Patrick Frazier as an effective leader in the French & Indian War. In the Calvin line, her ancestors included Benjamin S. Calvin, who was educated at Princeton University and served Under George Washington in the American Revolution.

In 1915, Grace Meredith married Harry David Shepard, and they had four children: Phyllis (1917-1927); Ruth Meredith (Peters) (1919-present); Gordon David Shepard (1921-2006); and Ira Matthew Shepard (1932-present). She lived most of her life in Red Springs.

Her grandson remembers her as soft-spoken and gentle, with an inner strength. She loved the Friday Night Fights on television and would loudly urge her favorites to score a knockout. When upset with her husband, she would walk the perimeter of their 40 acres, and by the time she returned, would be singing and carrying wildflowers she had picked. A special memory is her fragrant and delicious homemade bread, which she let her grandchildren slather with butter straight from the oven.

She died April 9, 1960, and was buried in the Red Springs Cemetery.

## Julia Helen Boushka Sunderland

Julia Sunderland (1886-1984) began a connection to the Stockbridge-Munsee community when her daughter, Mary Lois, met enrolled member Gordon David Shepard at a wartime USO event while he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They married in 1943. A graduate of the Jerseyville (IL) High School Class of 1905, Julia went on to a career as a teacher and a leader of the Future Homemakers of America in Jersey County, IL.

Julia married Clarence Sunderland in 1912 and they operated a general store and post office in the hamlet of Delhi, IL, and were prominent in the Delhi Baptist Church. Mary Lois (1919-present), their only child, earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Illinois and entered a long career as a high school home economics teacher.

Her grandson remembers Julia as an energetic, dynamic and cheerful woman, who showered him with love and approval. Children in the Stockbridge-Munsee community experienced that when she came to live there to be near her daughter and son-in-law, who had returned in 1977 to found the Stockbridge Bible Church. At age 94, she was still assisting in the tribal Head Start program and her relationship with the children, who called her “Grandma,” was featured in an article in the Mohican News. She died at age 96 and was returned to her longtime home in Jersey County, IL, for burial.