

# DR. GUSSIE M. WARE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*providing scholarships for deserving young black women*



## TO BE ELIGIBLE:

Applicants must be black, female, graduating high school seniors or GED recipients starting post-secondary education for the first time. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.5/4.0, a permanent address in Winnebago County, or be a relative of Dr. Gussie M. Ware.

Graduate students are not eligible. The deadline is February 1.



Dr. Ware was born in 1920 in Shreveport, Louisiana, the youngest of 13 children. She attended Tuskegee Institute and the University of Chicago. She earned her doctorate from Northern Illinois University. Dr. Ware taught elementary school and became an assistant professor at Northeastern University.

Upon her retirement, a great bundle of letters from former students described her lasting impact on their lives. She had touched many, but Dr. Ware was not going to be defined by her interest in education alone – there was much more!

Gussie embraced life. At age 24 she learned to fly a plane. She rode an elephant in Thailand, immersed herself in the culture of Brazil and waded in the Nile River. She learned how to ride a bike, drive a motorcycle and ice skate after turning 50 years old. She taught family and friends the importance of celebrating the life one is given.

When Dr. Ware was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, there was a final lesson she wanted to teach. She taught the value of philanthropy by establishing the Dr. Gussie M. Ware Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation. Experience had taught Gussie that women did not have the same scholarship opportunities as men. With a gift from her estate, Gussie established a permanently endowed fund benefiting female African-American students.

**TO APPLY:** Visit [cfnil.org/scholarships](https://cfnil.org/scholarships) and follow the instructions under “How to Register & Apply”.

When you're ready, look for the  Application Portal link to start your application.

CFNIL's online application will automatically match you to every one of CFNIL's 90+ scholarships for which you are eligible. CFNIL awards more than \$300,000 in scholarships every year. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1.

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