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### **Information on the Annabella Drummond McMath Scholarship**

Esmeralda Estella McMath was born in Sayville, Long Island, New York, on May 15, 1913. She was the only child of an elderly Scottish immigrant father and a Canadian mother of English ancestry. Her father died when she was quite young. Her mother became an invalid as a result of a fall in 1942, and Miss McMath cared for her until Mrs. McMath's death in 1959.

Educated at home by her mother and an aunt, Miss McMath developed an ability for languages. During World War II, she monitored English, French, and German shortwave broadcasts from North America to Europe for Great Britain.

Following her mother's death, Miss McMath moved from New York to Richmond, Virginia, in order to take advantage of the schools there. In 1960, she enrolled at Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University), and attended formal classes for the first time. A dedicated student, she obtained a B.S. degree in 1965 and a B.A. in 1968. She was an avid reader and book collector, amassing a library of over 4,000 books by the time of her death in 1983.

Miss McMath's first love was Scotland, a country she never saw. Through friends and an instructor interested in Confederate history, she developed a fondness for the South, having found a similarity in its history to her beloved Scotland.

Remembering the difficulties of adjusting to a new life when well into middle age, she sought to ease the burden of other women seeking education after the age of 30. Her will bequeathed to the UDC the funds for a scholarship and directed its name to be the Annabella Drummond McMath Scholarship. Annabella Drummond, a medieval Scottish queen, was a favorite historical figure of Miss McMath's. The funds are administered and scholarships awarded through the Annabella Drummond McMath Scholarship Committee.

Under the terms of the will, recipients must be females over the age of 30 at the time of the awarding of the scholarship; must be lineal or collateral descendants of a Confederate soldier or sailor; must attend colleges or universities in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, or Virginia. Undergraduate or postgraduate work must be in the field of liberal arts, including the study of government, history, languages (ancient or modern), literature, philosophy, and political science. Scholarships are awarded more on the basis of financial need than academic excellence, as long as the recipient maintains degree requirements.

Scholarships may be awarded in amounts sufficient to cover the cost of books, scholastic supplies, and tuition. Scholarships may be re-awarded until both undergraduate and postgraduate studies are completed. All awards are made in accordance with the terms of Miss McMath's will.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the UDC Business Office (address below). A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with the request. The applicant sends the completed application and all required documents to the current Chairman of the Annabella Drummond McMath Scholarship Committee, whose name may be obtained from the Business Office.

Requests for scholarship re-award must be accompanied by the recipient's official academic transcript for the preceding semester/quarter and a list of eligible expenses (books and scholastic supplies).

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