Osby Lee Hire and Lillian K. Garrison Hire Memorial Scholarship Application

Instructions:

- Complete this form to be considered for the Osby Lee Hire and Lillian K. Garrison Hire Memorial Scholarship.
- Deadline for submitting this application is January 1.
- Applications must be submitted to the College Heights Foundation, 1703 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

1. Full Name (First Middle Last) _____
2. Mailing Address _____
3. City, State, Zip _____
4. Years resided in [Insert County] _____
5. Preferred Phone Number _____
6. Preferred Email Address _____
7. High School _____ Years Attended _____
8. High School Graduation Date _____
9. College You Will Be Attending _____
10. Student ID Number at the College You Will Be Attending _____
11. Academic Major(s) _____
12. Will you be a full-time student at the college you will be attending? Yes _____ No _____
13. Do you have a physical or medical disease or disability that requires medical supervision or interferes with daily activites? Yes _____ No _____

    If yes, please provide a brief description: _____

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14. Do you have a parent, major contributor to your family finances, or caregiver who is a member of the National Guard or Reserve Unit and is deployed or has been deployed in the six months prior to your graduation, has been placed on alert status within three months prior to your graduation, or is listed officially as KIA, MIA, or POW status? Yes _____ No _____

    If yes, please provide a list of those individuals and their status: _____

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Applicants will be judged on a minimum of 2,500-word essay on the following topics assigned to each county. Recipients will be selected by the University Scholarship Committee from individuals who complete the required application and meet the requirements outlined above.

a. For Allen County, the essay will be about the formation and founding of Allen County and the City of Scottsville explain who the foundation fathers were or an essay on Samuel Garrison and the part he played in foundation of Scottsville and Allen County, as well as his connection to the donor establishing this scholarship (Dr. Delroy Hire).

b. For Monroe County, the essay will be "The Life and Times of Osby Hire and Lillian Garrison Hire in Monroe County from I935-1965.

Dr. Delroy Hire's parents, Mr. Osby Lee Hire and Lillian K. Garrison Hire, were residents of Monroe County from the early 1930's until the late 1960's. They were not celebrated, rich, or famous but a thread in the large rich tapestry that made up Monroe County. Their story is much like the story of any other family in Monroe County during those times. So, in a sense you will be writing and exploring the history of your home county and also learning about how your ancestors and kin folks and their friends and neighbors would have lived in Monroe County or other areas during those times.
Monroe County was their home and Dr. Hire's home, and just as much and in the same way as it is now your home. So, this is also your history. Enjoy your journey in exploring the past in your home county.

Topics for discussion should include what the Hires would have seen and experienced while establishing a business (Western Auto store in 1935) and the experiences of Mrs. Hire as a housewife during this period in Monroe County. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, the great depression era, peddling routes, WWII (Mr. Hire left the business and went to war), products rationed during WWU, ration stamps, victory gardens, car manufacturing ceased and car parts and tires production went to war production, price controls, housing shortage after WWII, the GI bill, the Korean War, general discussion of what life was like in Monroe County during this period, availability of lack of electricity, telephones, party lines (what did a phone number of two longs and a short mean), propane gas, wood stoves, kerosene lamps, dirt roads, horse pulled farm implements, one room country schools, judges as circuit riders, medical services, location of the nearest hospital, feared childhood diseases, rural water sources and indoor plumbing, the number of high schools in Monroe County, the country store and post office and its influence on rural Monroe County, the main cash crop and how it affected the entire economy of the county.

In Mr. Osby Lee Hire's and Lillian K. Garrison Hire's generation and during Dr. Hire's generation in Monroe County (Class of 1959 graduation), they grew up with guns. It was not unusual to carry guns on your person and in vehicles--hunting was a way of life-and self-protection was the norm. Hunting guns were common in school, in school lockers and in cars, and carried on school buses and hunting and trap shooting were common after school. Even a form of trap shooting (miniature) was allowed on the football field during school hours sponsored by the Jr. Sportsman Club. To anyone's knowledge no incidents ever happened involving firearms or knives. Smoking and use of tobacco products were allowed and open on campus. Also, almost every boy from grade school on carried a pocketknife and knife swapping was a common sport at schools.

Mr. Hire was first the postmaster at Ollie Railey Country Store at Forkton during the "Great Depression". It was a very difficult time. Shortly after, it was realized the more money could be earned for all by Mr. Hire running a peddling route out of the store and Mrs. Hire becoming the postmistress. She was one of few women of that time to have that position in Monroe County. So, Mr. Hire went all over Monroe County in a pickup truck modified with racks and bins and goods such as salt, flower,

pots, brooms, cloth fabrics, can goods and things you couldn't raise on a farm but that the Forkton store had in stock. He would barter and trade goods from the store to country folks for their farm produce such as chicken, hams, and eggs which in return was then sold at the store. Actual cash was so scarce that it was seldom used if it could be helped.

It was a life saver for country folks that lived far away from any store and travel was difficult and people had only horse and wagon and then only if they were lucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Hire were among the many in Monroe County to survive the Great Depression, won WWII and returned home to build the United States into and economic power and their generation developed a modern secure and prosperous nation. Their sacrifices made possible the economic opportunities and freedoms that you enjoy today. Your generation will have a name. They will always be known and praised as the title they won and deserved -"The Greatest Generation."

With the generation praised as "The Greatest Generation" keep in mind the essay should include a general discussion and overall view of the above and include answers for the following questions.

1. What role did personal responsibility play during these years?

2. Was there any sales tax during these years in Monroe County?

3. How much did a "Dovie Burger" cost during the 1950s?

4. What was a penny post card and how was it so valuable in communications during the Mr. and Mrs. Hire's period in Monroe County.

5. Where were the chinchilla ranches in Monroe County during these years? Was it a profitable industry?

6. What was the cost of lunch in the school cafeteria during these years?

7. In general were there any scholarships available for Monroe County students.

   -Were there any advanced college credits available for students?

8. What and where was the Monroe County poor house or poor farm?

9. In Dr. Hire's days the first telephone service in Monroe County was a party line. For instance, their ring was two longs and a short.

   -Describe a party line and how it worked.

   -How did it function?

10. What part of your essay did you find most surprising?

11. What part of your essay did you find most interesting?

You can find answers to these Questions at your school library, the William B. Harland Memorial Library, the Monroe County Museum, the Genealogy Room at the Courthouse and of course interviewing people in the community. Staff at any one of these places will be glad to assist.

c. For Macon County, the essay will be on "The Ancestors and Relatives of Osby Hire in Macon County." This essay should be a summary of one of the early settlers in Macon County, Tn., Mr. Martin Hire (approximately 1777-1860) and wife Emily "Millie" Meador (approximately 1790-1860) and their descendants in Macon County down through the sponsor of this scholarship, Dr. Delroy Hire. Essays should include interviews with any known descendants of Martin Hire and Emily "Millie" Meador or person or persons identified as descendants by the Macon County Historical Society and about their lives and times and experiences of growing up and living in Macon County. Only when there comes a time when no living descendants can be identified by Macon County Historical Society or any other recorded history of historical groups, then your family history in Macon County should be substituted, and the essay may be expanded by tracing your family history for a minimum of 100 years as it may relate to Macon County or a general history of early settlers in Macon County.