Friends and family of April Marie Hart established the April Marie “Sweet” Hart Scholarship in her memory at Virginia Commonwealth University. April was an accomplished VCU student who planned to be a first grade teacher. She loved children and cheerleading, and especially loved teaching gymnastics to her students at the East Richmond Gymnastics Center in Richmond. April passed away June 25, 2003, at the age of 20.

Award criteria are indicated below:

- Student must be majoring in a subject offered in the College of Humanities and Sciences or the School of Education and planning to become a teacher.
- Student must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA. (Copy of unofficial transcripts required)
- While preference will be given to a student will have or have had a demonstrated interest in gymnastics or cheerleading (with preference given to any student who has participated in activities at the East Richmond Gymnastics Center), applications will be considered from any student who intends to be a classroom teacher and meets the other award criteria points in this application.
- Student must be enrolled at the time award distribution is made available.
- Student must submit a double-spaced essay (approximately 500 words) and two letters of recommendation from faculty members. The essay should describe the student’s interest in gymnastics, career aspirations, any challenges the student has overcome in pursuing a degree and participation in campus activities and leadership roles. The essay must be attached to this application with the student’s name clearly printed at the top of the page.

Application materials must be submitted to the Office of the Dean in a single package containing original and two copies of each: application form, your essay, unofficial transcript, and two reference letters by Tuesday, March 1st by 5:00 pm.

Applicant information

Name: _____________________________ Student V#________________ Current GPA: __________

Major: _____________________________ Anticipated graduation/semester date: __________

E-Mail: _____________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Permanent address: ____________________________________________________________

If awarded monies from this fund, I understand I will be required to:

- Be enrolled in the School of Education or College of Humanities and Sciences during the academic period for which the award is made available.
- Maintain the required academic performance set forth in the scholarship guidelines. (Scholarship may be revoked if requirements are not met.)
- Write a letter of thanks to the donor and to attend all recognition events when invited (including the School of Education Scholarship Event on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5pm in the Commonwealth Ballroom), and to participate in other stewardship activities when asked.
- Give the university permission to release information about me for donor stewardship and award processes.
- Give the university permission to use my photograph or quotes in publications and for stewardship purposes.

Signature ____________________________________________ Date ________________

Submit completed application package to:
Edward Kardos - egkardos@vcu.edu
VCU School of Education
1015 West Main Street, P.O. Box 842020
Richmond, VA 23284

Due date is March 1st at 5pm. Incomplete applications will not be given consideration. No exceptions will be made.
Applications can be hand delivered to the Dean’s Suite on the 2nd Floor of Oliver Hall – Attn: Edward Kardos