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Madeira Schools Foundation Awards 2021 Scholarship

The Madeira Schools Foundation (MSF) recently named Sophia Garcia as the 2021 recipient of the MSF Ruth Slagle Crawford Scholarship. The Foundation presents the award annually to a Madeira High School (MHS) graduate who is currently enrolled in college and pursuing a degree.

The \$5,000 scholarship is named in honor of Madeira Class of 1925 alumnus Ruth Slagle Crawford who established the scholarship in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Crawford. The Crawfords were long-time teachers who placed great value in education. Scholarship applicants must be Madeira High School graduates pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited institution for at least one year while attaining a 2.5 or above GPA. They must also write an essay which demonstrates how they are succeeding in college through their personal drive and strong work ethic and how they are financially supporting their education via employment.

Sophia graduated from Madeira in 2019 and attends the University of Dayton. "I am so appreciative and honored to have received this award from the Madeira Schools Foundation," Sophia stated. "Winning this \$5,000 scholarship for me means that I can continue to prioritize my schoolwork and relieve my parents and myself of the great financial burden that is higher education. I am abundantly grateful for the education and constant support that I received from Madeira & MHS, and I will continue to be a representative of Madeira's excellence in education as I further my college career." Sophia plans to attend law school to become an immigration attorney.

The Madeira Schools Foundation was founded in 1984 by a group of enthusiastic parents and community members who worked to make the high school's outdoor track a reality. Today they hold an annual auction, a golf outing, and other events to raise funds that assist the Madeira City School District in achieving its goals for continued quality education. They have provided computer hardware and software, athletic facilities, new high school auditorium seats, a science lab building, sponsored the MHS Day of Service, student service learning trips abroad, an alumni fund and much more. Each year they also award upwards of \$20,000 to graduating seniors for achievements they accomplished while at Madeira High School.

This is the ninth year the Madeira Schools Foundation has awarded the scholarship. For more please see MadeiraSchoolsFoundation.org.



Pictured: Sophia Garcia