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## **The Power of One Lifts Up Many**

In 2014, **United Community Ministries** established the Valencourt Scholarship Fund to provide vocational training for high school graduates, thanks to the vision and bequest of Ms. Lois Valencourt. The annual Scholarship program enables low-income minority students to pursue training and career advancement. In the long-term, education and higher wages are a key to family independence.

Mrs. Valencourt was particularly interested in helping minority students, in part due to many happy years spent living in South America with her husband. When she returned to the United States and settled in the Mount Vernon area, she became involved in and supported many local organizations. UCM and its work with low-income families were particularly dear to her.

Scholarship awards offer up to \$2,500 to low-income minority graduating or graduated students. Seniors from Bryant, Mount Vernon, and West Potomac High Schools may apply for scholarships during the period March 19, 2018 – May 25, 2018. Applications are available at:

- UCM website (as MS Word download): [www.ucmagency.org/ucm-scholarships-2018](http://www.ucmagency.org/ucm-scholarships-2018).
- UCM Progreso Center for Literacy Center (Progreso Hispano) at: 4100 Mohawk Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309
- High school college and career centers.

### **Valencourt Scholarship applicants must:**

- Be a graduating senior or a recent graduate (past 3 years) of Bryant, Mount Vernon, or West Potomac High School.
- Allow their training facility/college to share information on their academic status with UCM.
- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Complete and submit by the deadline all required forms: application, references, and proof of high school graduation.

### **For more information about the Valencourt Scholarship program, contact:**

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