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## **WESTERN RECEIVES \$349,000 GIFT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —March 18, 2003— James Scanlon, Missouri Western State College president, and James Roever, executive director of the MWSC Foundation, announced today that the Foundation received a \$349,000 gift from the estate of Pete O. and Myrtle Reiplinger. The announcement was made to Fire Chief Stephen Richey and firefighters at the St. Joseph Fire Department headquarters because the gift is designated for scholarships, with special consideration given to children of St. Joseph firefighters.

"At Western, we appreciate the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Reiplinger. Their wonderful gift will serve students with scholarships well into the future," said Dr. Scanlon.

Reiplinger is a 1934 graduate of the St. Joseph Junior College and his father, Oliver, served as a member of the St. Joseph Fire Department.

"We are especially pleased the Reiplingers recognized the importance of supporting the education pursuits of our community through their estate," said Dr. Roever. "This scholarship will be particularly important for the families of St. Joseph firefighters."

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To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a full-time student and carry a minimum GPA of 2.5. A one-page essay of interest is also required. Applicants may apply online at [www.mwsc.edu/finaid](http://www.mwsc.edu/finaid). For more information, contact the MWSC Foundation office at 816-271-5647.

Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.

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