

## *Fran Christensen Memorial Scholarship*

Fran Joanne Christensen was welcomed home by her Heavenly Father on Monday April 20, 2020. During her 87 years, Fran was a trailblazer and accomplished many firsts. She was the first female to earn a degree from St. Ambrose Catholic School, the first LADY Lion in Idaho, the first teacher at Robin Rodgers School, first group on the Board of Directors for the Meridian Rodeo, first Meridian Lions Rodeo Queen Contest Co-Chairman, and part of the first group of people nominated and inducted into the Miss Rodeo Idaho Hall of Fame.



She was an amazing and patient person with a huge heart. She was very strong in her faith and loved her church. She loved children which is what led her to her calling to be a teacher for 50 years. She started in a one-room school in Iowa, eventually moving to traditional public schools where she taught K-12. She then found her passion in teaching the Special Education program.

Fran was passionate about the education of children, and took a special interest in the public speaking aspect of pageants. Fran, and her husband Ralph were both passionate about rodeo and the western way of life. In fact, they were paramount in the founding of the Meridian Lions Rodeo and Queen program in Meridian, Idaho, still a successful PRCA rodeo today. They shared this passion with their daughter Lynn—an incredible supporter of Miss Rodeo Oregon and Miss Rodeo America programs, even serving as Oregon's National Director.



This scholarship has been created in Fran's honor, to be awarded to the young lady who is not afraid to blaze a trail, just like Fran.



## Scholarship Committee

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### How To Apply:

Submit a one page anonymous essay with 12 point Times New Roman Font in PDF format on or before July 1st to:

Miss Rodeo Oregon Scholarship Committee at:  
missrodeooregonscholarships@gmail

with Fran Christensen Memorial Scholarship as the subject of the email.

### Rules & Eligibility:

Essay must be anonymous and not contain any personal indicators. An aspiration or acceptance to a school or a program, as well as a major or course of study is not considered a personal indicator and can be mentioned in your essay should you choose.

(1) \$300 Scholarship will be awarded

The Fran Christensen Memorial Scholarship Winner is subject to all provisions of the scholarship acknowledgement letter provided in the contestant application.

To be eligible for the Fran Christensen Memorial Scholarship, you must be a contestant of a Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant. If you do not complete the competition, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to the runner up selected by the selection committee.

The winner of the Fran Christensen Memorial Scholarship will not receive any additional benefits for their competition in the pageant, including but not limited to points towards the title.

### Essay Topic:

How will your educational and future career goals help you be a trail blazer?