



TURNER MAURICE GAUNTT, JR. EXEMPLARY CITIZEN AWARD

Named for Janine Turner's father, Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. (1934-2014), this award is bestowed annually upon an outstanding graduating high school senior who embodies the characteristics of academic and athletic excellence, student body leadership, and community service.

Mr. Gauntt was born in Athens, Texas and attended Athens High School. Mr. Gauntt was a high achieving student throughout his entire academic career, receiving many awards, including induction into the National Honors Society. He was captain of the All District football and basketball teams, captain of the Athletic Association, recipient of the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award, and considered one of the best quarterbacks in Texas. During his high school career, Mr. Gauntt held many student body leadership offices, including President of the Senior Class, Business Manager, and was voted Most Handsome. Alongside his involvement in other clubs, Mr. Gauntt was a member of the Key Club and participated in many community service activities, inspiring him to choose to serve his country by attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Gauntt was commissioned in the Air Force and began his training at Hondo Air Base. Upon completion of training, Mr. Gauntt was assigned to the Strategic Air Command, was selected to pilot the revolutionary, delta winged B-58 Hustler and was a member of the Mach 2 Club as one of the first to fly at twice the speed of sound. Mr. Gauntt received meritorious medals, awards and commendations including the Top Dog Award for fulfilling the mission of the 43rd Bomb Wing, 1963 Award for Exemplary and Outstanding Performance, serving with honor and distinction in the 98th Bombardment Wing and the same award in 1964 for the 98th Strategic Aerospace Wing, and the Department of the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in 1964.

Awarded annually, the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award provides winners with a one time scholarship payment of \$4,540 for the recipient to use towards higher education.

Former Recipients of the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award

Austin Dobbs (2014), Miranda Chastain (2017), Gabe Maggio (2018), Lexi Lassiter (2015), Parker Emerich (2016)



FOUR CORNERSTONES OF THE TURNER MAURICE GAUNTT, JR. EXEMPLARY CITIZEN AWARD

1

Academic Excellence

Mr. Gauntt was a high achieving student throughout his entire academic career, receiving many awards, including induction into the National Honors Society.

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Athletic Excellence

Mr. Gauntt was captain of the All District football and basketball teams, captain of the Athletic Association, recipient of the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award, and considered one of the best quarterbacks in Texas.

3

Student Body Leadership

Mr. Gauntt held many student body leadership offices, including President of the Senior Class and was voted most handsome.

4

Community Service

Mr. Gauntt was a member of the Key Club and participated in many community service activities, inspiring him to choose to serve his country by attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"My father was the most brave, honest, and resilient man I have ever known. He inspired me to love our country, and be willing to make sacrifices for her. He inspired me to study history, to value lessons learned from both history and great patriots, and to be of service."

-- Janine Turner, founder & co-president of Constituting America

Following his military career, Mr. Gauntt joined Braniff Airlines, moving into the Captain's seat until 1982. Continuing his love of flight, he became an instructor with Higher Power Aviation in Grand Prairie Texas until 2012. In addition, he flew for ConocoPhillips in Alaska. Always desiring to give back to his country, Mr. Gauntt was the first to write a check for Constituting America in 2010.

Requirements for submitting a nomination for the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award

Awarded annually, the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award provides winners with a one-time scholarship payment of \$4,540 for the recipient to use toward higher education.

Nominees must be a graduating high school senior who intends to attend a college or university upon graduation. Students should display the four cornerstones exemplified by the life of Mr. Gauntt (listed below).

Nominators must submit a letter of recommendation (not exceeding two pages, single-spaced), an official student transcript, and the student's most recent resume. All materials must be mailed or emailed to Constituting America by April 1.

The recipient will be notified of his or her award within 60-days of the deadline. The scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university indicated by the student by the start of the following fall semester. A representative of Constituting America will present the scholarship to the recipient at the senior awards ceremony at his or her school at the appropriate time.

Please send all nominations either via mail to Post Office Box 1988, Colleyville, TX 76034 or via email to constitutingamerica@yahoo.com. Please address both email and mail to the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award Committee.

For more information, please visit www.constitutingamerica.org.

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