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From the office of Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich)
The Capitol, Washington, D. C.

FOR RELEASE APRIL 28, 1965

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Lecture and seminar courses offering up to six hours of credit in American government, domestic politics, foreign relations, history and culture are included in the scholarship, which covers tuition, room and board.

Women students, who have legal residence in the Fifth District and attend accredited two-year or four-year colleges in the United States, are eligible for the scholarship, Ford said.

The winner, to be chosen by Mount Vernon Junior College, will pay only transportation to and from Washington, laundry and personal expenses.

The six-week session from June 21 through July 30 will utilize the resources of the Nation's Capitol, combining academic study in small classes and field work to introduce students to the Congress, the Executive branch, the Courts, various governmental agencies, and major private organizations located in Washington.

Ford emphasized that interested students are to immediately write to Otis L. Graham, Administrative Assistant to the President, Mount Vernon Junior College, 2100 Foxhall Road, Washington, D. C. 20007.

The scholarship is being offered to the Fifth District as the result of Ford being appointed by the College to the Advisory Committee for the summer educational program.

Ford described the summer session as a program aimed at "achieving more understanding of the American political system among college students, creating a better-informed citizenry, and encouraging those interested in public service careers."

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