

## THE GIRARD ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The association is providing four scholarships. Please take notice of each scholarship's requirements.

1. The Gene Cushman Memorial Scholarship, a \$5,000 annual scholarship for four years. A total value of \$20,000. This scholarship is good for any institution of higher learning, which is state accredited, including 2-year, 4-year, career training or business

2. The GHS Alumni and Friends Assoc. Career Training Scholarship (ie. CNA, CISCO, Mechanic) is a two year \$4,000 annual scholarship. A total value of \$8,000 good for any accredited Career Training Institution.

3. & 4. The George D. Dohm Scholarships, a \$7,500 annual scholarship for four years. A total of \$30,000 for each scholarship. One scholarship will be given to a male applicant and one to a female applicant. This scholarship is good for any accredited four year Illinois College or University and the applicant is in need of financial assistance.

All of the above scholarships require that the qualifying student is a graduating senior attending North Mac Unit #34 for four (4) years and lived in the original Girard Community Unit School District #3 boundaries these four years.

### A RECIPIENT CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE OF THE ABOVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The application and pertinent information should be in the hands of the Guidance Counselor by March 6, 2024. The counselor will attach an official copy of your high school transcript, attendance record and any ACT, SAT, etc. scores.

CHECK SCHOLARSHIP(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- [CUSHMAN]  
 [CUSHMAN] CAREER TRAINING  
 [GEORGE D. DOHM -- FEMALE]  
 [GEORGE D. DOHM -- MALE]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: circle one Male Female

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address:

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

1. **PROOF OF PAYMENT:** The scholarship recipient must provide to the scholarship committee proof of acceptance and enrollment at their chosen institution of higher learning and full time student. Proof of enrollment as a full time student (12 credit hours) must be submitted to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee at the beginning of each semester of study. Only then will a check be issued to the institution.
2. **THE SCHOLARSHIP:** Our by-laws state that the scholarship money can only be used for tuition and/or room and board.
3. **THE ANNUAL PAYMENT:** This money will be dispersed in two equal amounts. One payment at the beginning of the first semester and a second payment at the beginning of the second semester. You will need to provide to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Karen Dowell, proof that you are enrolled for the semester as a 'full time student' taking a minimum of 12 semester hours. This is usually a copy of your official class schedule.
4. **RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship is renewed upon successful completion of the previous semester. **If your studies are interrupted for any reason you should contact Karen Dowell. She will provide the information to the Scholarship Committee and they in turn will make a recommendation to the Alumni Board.**
5. **THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY:** The payments are drafted by check to the chosen institution of higher learning. The Alumni Association's Treasurer will draft the check and send it to the institution.
6. If the recipient of the scholarship should not need the entire semester payment at one time, the Alumni Association will hold the balance in escrow.
7. **TERMINATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship can be considered null and void by the Scholarship Committee (with the consent of the Alumni Board), if at the end of a school term (semester), the student is not considered in good standing by their chosen institution. **The maximum length of time the scholarship will be maintained is 6 years, providing you have met the Alumni Association's scholarship requirements.**
8. Any situation the scholarship recipient has that falls outside of these guidelines will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and a recommendation made to the Alumni Board. The Board will make a decision on the matter under consideration. Please direct any correspondence to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Karen Dowell.

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### THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**I. FINANCIAL NEED:** Please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's return.

Under \$15,000_____	\$40,000 to \$50,000_____
\$15,000 to \$20,000_____	\$50,000 to \$75,000_____
\$20,000 to \$30,000_____	\$75,000 to \$100,000_____
\$30,000 to \$40,000_____	Over \$100,000_____

- Total number of family members living at home (parents plus children):\_\_\_\_\_
- The total number of dependent children in your parent(s) family:\_\_\_\_\_
- List the ages of all children in your family:\_\_\_\_\_
- The number of children attending college:\_\_\_\_\_
- Other financial considerations that need to be noted. (please attach if you need more space)

### II. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Organizations, clubs or societies. Please indicate years of involvement, offices held and duties performed.
  
- Community Organizations, Community Services, I.e., Scouts, Church, 4-H, Key Club, etc.
  
- Work experience/Jobs. For example: Family or business; Type of work; hours per week; duration.

**III.** Please list any scholarships or grants for which you have applied.

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- IV.** Please list any scholarships or grants that you have been awarded and their amounts.
- V.** If you have any other information which you would like to be considered, but has not been specifically asked for, such as goals, career plans or ambitions, please include this information below.
- VI. Academic and Attendance Records and ACT, SAT, Etc. Scores** (These will be attached by the High School Guidance Counselor).

### **CRITERIA USED TO EVALUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

1. Applicants will give their completed application and official transcript to the High School Guidance Counselor.
2. The Guidance Counselor will attach the transcript and attendance records to the application.  
Each scholarship committee member will be given all the applications at one time to review. They will review all applications and recommend their top three choices of each scholarship by ballot at a meeting of the scholarship committee in the spring. From this balloting, a scholarship recipient and runner-up will be determined. The 'runner-up' will be eligible for the scholarship being offered should the winner not be able to make use of the scholarship the first year.