

Dr. Joe & Bonnie Watkins Scholarship

Dr. Joe and Bonnie Watkins invested a lifetime educating Grand Island Senior High students. Both began their teaching careers at Grand Island Senior High in 1965 and retired from the same school years later. Dr. Joe even retired a second time after being asked to continue teaching dual-credit and Advanced Placement Macroeconomics and Microeconomics. Their teaching years at Grand Island Senior High total 84 years. They believe strongly in the opportunities and diversity afforded to students of Grand Island Senior High. Their own children, Marisa and Trent, are proud Islander graduates. Much has changed since 1965, but the Watkins' desire to invest in students has not. The Dr. Joe & Bonnie Watkins Scholarship is a legacy investment in students who have had to overcome considerable challenges to succeed.

Amount and Terms

- \$1,000/varies x 1 year

Number of Scholarships

- 1

Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Must demonstrate leadership ability and answer the leadership essay
- Must pursue a 4-year degree or higher in the fields of Education or Medicine (Pre-med, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Health Occupations, Physical Therapy, Pharmaceutical, or Dentistry)
- Must demonstrate financial need as identified by eligibility for the free or reduced school lunch program

To Apply

Complete the online application form at www.gipsfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships

Deadline

See scholarship application deadlines at www.gipsfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships

Selection Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee appointed by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Terms of Payment

The scholarship will be paid through the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation to appropriate educational institution per scholarship eligibility defined above. Scholarships larger than \$500 will be split into equal semester payments. The student must provide proof of enrollment (class schedule) and student number to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation for scholarship distribution. Proof of enrollment is needed for each semester covered by scholarship terms.

Send proof of enrollment to Kari Price via email to kprice@gips.org, in person at GIPS Administration Building (123 South Webb Road) or via mail to PO Box 4904, Grand Island, NE 68802.

