



# Learn to Earn

Scholarship workshop for  
students & parents



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



# Why bother applying?



If you...

spend 10 hours applying for scholarships  
and earn \$1000 in scholarships

You just made \$100 per hour!

# One Stop Shop for Scholarships

Can students complete one application for multiple scholarships?

YES!

1 application for more than  
90 scholarships offered

# How does it work?

Collects information for each scholarship  
opportunity

Each question on the application has a purpose

Eliminates Redundancy

Ex: transcripts, common questions  
asked once

Provides fair evaluation process

all applications are evaluated with a number rather than name



# How do students qualify?

## Scholarship Filters



- The scholarship system will filter the student's application into the review "buckets" for which they qualify. Based on how the student answers application questions.
- One application could equal multiple scholarship "buckets"



# FILTER EXAMPLES

## EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Fine arts, clubs,  
athletics, community  
involvement, etc.

## ESSAY QUESTION


How you write the  
answer to the essay  
question. Some  
opportunities have  
specific questions  
based on the criteria of  
the scholarship.

## FIELD OF STUDY


Education, Business,  
Nursing, Numerous  
Trades, Agriculture,  
or the Medical Field  
Just to name a few!



# George Wanitschke Family Scholarship:



Graduating senior from  
Doniphan-Trumbull, Loup City, or  
Grand Island



Full time student at Nebraska  
college or university with a  
major in Ag Business  
or Finance



Preference given  
to FFA participants



# Arthur Klinkacek Scholarship



Must be a graduate of a Hall County high school

\*we also offer a version of this scholarship specifically for

Centura students



Certified high school transcript including ACT/ SAT scores, class rank, & GPA



GPA of 2.5-3.5



Demonstrate financial need



Demonstrate extra curricular, and or volunteer service involvement

# Financial Need



Some scholarship opportunities that have financial need preference

Ways we determine financial need:

- Official National School Lunch Program Eligibility Verification Form. You can obtain a copy of this form from your school's administrative offices.
- Completed FAFSA. The FAFSA application period opens by December 31, 2024\*. Please note: the GGICF application deadline is FEBRUARY 9, 2024.

# Your answers matter!



College  
Major



College or University plans



Dependent of an Eakes or Hornady  
employee



Extra Curricular/ volunteer  
service Activities



Mid-term or spring graduate

# References

One references is required

Academic

ex: guidance counselor, administrator,  
teacher

General

ex: community member, pastor

Must be submitted  
before application  
can be marked  
complete

Our system sends a link from  
student provided email  
(notified, complete, failed)



# References

## Reference\*

Applicant  

Please enter the first and last name of a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, administrator, neighbor, employer, family friend, minister, etc., (non-family member) with whom you have worked during your high school career and from whom you will request a recommendation for this scholarship process. The recommendation form will include a series of benchmarks on which the person will rate you, along with an opportunity for comments.

**NOTE:** It is always a good idea to check with this individual first to make sure he or she is willing to provide you a recommendation!

## Third Party Email\*

Everyone 

Please enter the email address of a person that has agreed to provide a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Then, click Compose Email on the right and write an email to the person you are requesting a letter from. Include your name and that all recommendations must be submitted by February 9th.

Be sure to click SEND. They will not receive your request if you do not send the email.

*"Dear XYZ, Thank you for taking the time to provide me a recommendation for the GGICF scholarship application. You will receive another email from "Greater Grand Island Community Foundation" which will include a link. This link will direct you to some questions that the scholarship provider has requested you complete by February, 9th 2024. Thank you for your time and if you have any technical difficulty, please contact Greater Grand Island Community Foundation at 308-381-7767. Sincerely, DEF"*



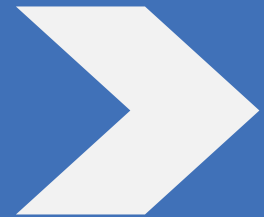
Compose Email



A background image showing a graduation ceremony with students in caps and gowns throwing their caps into the air. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.


# References

Some of our opportunities  
require additional references or  
verification forms



How the student answers application questions triggers  
the request for additional information.





# How to submit your application:


All required fields **MUST** be complete



You will fill out the common application below and click  
*Submit.*

After you have submitted the common application, you will be taken to a confirmation page listing the scholarship opportunities for which you are eligible to apply and relevant next steps. This includes additional references and or essay questions.

\*remember your application will not be considered complete until your references are complete





# How to submit your application:

Click the submit button before **11:59 pm February 9th**

System automatically deactivates the application at 12:00 am

After you successfully complete your application  
you will receive a confirmation email

Submission on or before January 15th, 2024 will receive 2 (two) bonus points.  
(bonus points used in tie breaker scenarios)

Students who complete their scholarship applications by  
January 31, 2024 will earn 1 (one) bonus point.  
(bonus points used in tie breaker scenarios)



# EVALUATION PROCESS

## BLIND REVIEW

You are assigned a  
number.

ex: Dennis Parnell is  
assigned application  
number DP7841. This is  
how applications are  
"named" for reviewers.

## REVIEW GROUPS

Made up of volunteers  
from the community.

Majority of review  
groups are assigned  
numerous scholarship  
opportunities to  
review.

## REVIEW GROUPS

Since reviewers  
evaluate for many  
opportunities, they can  
tell if student  
duplicates same  
essay/personal  
narrative for different  
scholarships.

# Scholarship Communication:



All communication from our office will come  
via email



When creating your account DO NOT use your  
school email



# Important Dates:

December 1, 2023- Online Application Opens

February 9, 2024- Online Application Closes

April 7th, 2024- Scholarship Tea

May- completed acceptance forms, thank you cards,  
and digital thank you's due to GGICF

July- Proof of Enrollment due

July- Award checks mailed to colleges



# 2023 Scholarship Impact



4% INCREASE  
FROM 2022

## \$271,600

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



142  
AWARDS GRANTED

WHERE ARE THEY  
HEADED?

90%  
NEBRASKA  
COLLEGES

10%  
OUT OF STATE



129  
STUDENTS AWARDED



763  
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



33  
SCHOOLS REPRESENTED



6 GRADUATES

22

UNDERGRADUATES

101

GRADUATING SENIORS

48%

FEMALE  
AWARDEES



23%

MALE  
AWARDEES

29% PREFERRED NOT TO SAY



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