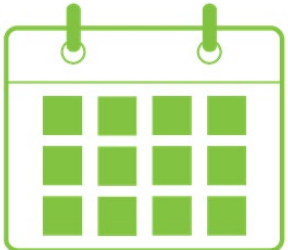




GIPS Foundation Online **Scholarship Application**

Kari Hooker-Leep, Executive Director

Candi Wiemers, Programs & Marketing Coordinator



December 1 - February 8



One Application for 160+ Scholarships

- **\$460,000** scholarship money available
- Scholarships range from \$250 - \$220,000
- Scholarships available for **ALL degrees and majors**
- **72%** of 2022 GISH Seniors who completed an application were awarded scholarships

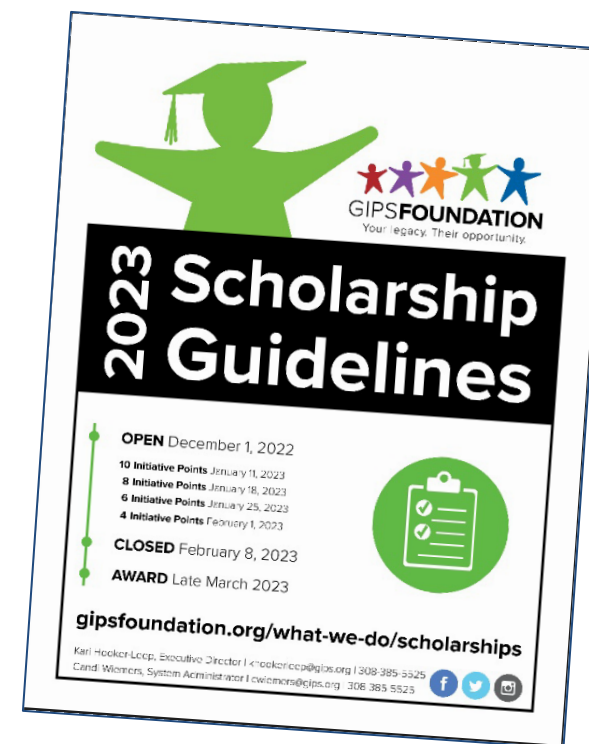




www.gipsfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Application Link
- Important Dates
- Scholarship Guidelines (**114 produce 160+ scholarships**)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Scholarship Events





GIPS Foundation Online Scholarship Application

What are Initiative Points?

Bonus points for submitting before deadline

- January 11 = 10 points
- January 18 = 8 points
- January 25 = 6 points
- February 1 = 4 points

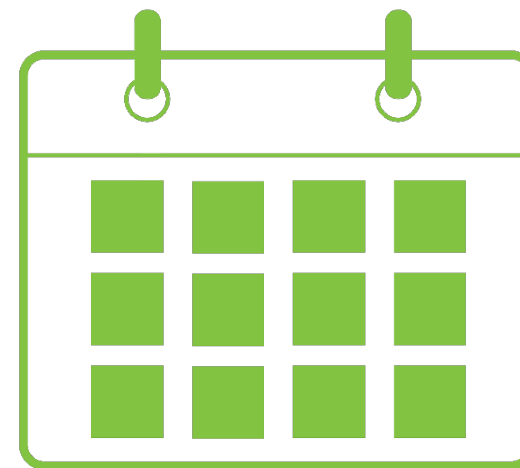
February 8 application CLOSED





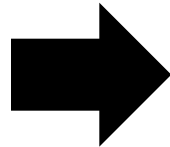
Important Application Dates

- December 1, 2022 - Application open
- February 8, 2023 - Application closed
- Late March 2023 - Scholarship offer letters sent
Complete the form IMMEDIATELY
- Early April 2023 - Alternate offer letters sent*
If a first scholarship offer is declined, an alternate offer is sent





Frequently Asked Questions



Have a question about scholarships? Email us at foundation@gips.org or click on a FAQ below.

[How do I create an account?](#)

[How do I reset my password?](#)

[Why do additional pages appear in my application?](#)

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[How do I submit my scholarship application?](#)

[How to write a great essay](#)

[The Online Scholarship Application Process](#)

[GPA Conversion Reference Chart](#)

[Reference Tips](#)



Scholarship Guidelines

Each scholarship guideline has:

- Scholarship background
- Amount and Terms
- Number of Scholarships
- Eligibility requirements
- Essay question (if applicable)
- Terms of payment

Guidelines are found:

- GIPS Foundation website (printable pdfs available)
- Links embedded in application

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The scholarship is intended for students who work hard and need additional support to pursue their education.

Amount and Terms

- \$800/years x 1 year

Number of Scholarships

- 1

Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High
- A high school GPA of 3.0 or better
- Must be involved in athletics

Essay Question

- How have you overcome adversity and transformed this experience into a positive growth? (Max 500 words)

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.





How to start?

- <https://gipsfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships.html>
- Click on application button

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Bookmark application webpage



Create an Account

- Click on **To create a new application click here.**
- Remember your Username (we recommend using your email)

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Login Support Online Help

Username
Enter username

Password
Password

Login

To create a new application click here.
DO NOT create duplicate accounts.
[Forgot your password?](#)

First Name*

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name*

Email Address*

Confirm Email

Username

Password*

Confirm Password

User Type* Selection required!

Challenge Code

Challenge Code

Create Account



Forgot Password?

- Click on **Forgot your password?**
- Must know Email or Username
- **DO NOT** create duplicate accounts


Username

Password

Login

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Reset Password

Email Address*

Username*

Challenge Code

Challenge Code*

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Reset Password

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Contact Information

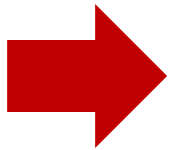
- Application information and tips

[Click here for additional application information and tips](#)

- Application due date

All applications must be submitted before midnight February 8, 2023

- Contact address for **ALL** scholarship mailings – **USE email you will check**



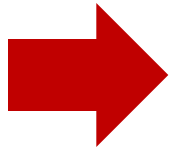
Graduating December 2022 or Spring 2023?

- Language spoken in home
- Reviewers can **NOT** see this page



Education Information

- Select campuses for: elementary, middle, and high school
- **Will you receive your high school diploma from Grand Island Senior High?**
(Answer “Yes” if you will graduate from GISH, Ombudsman, or Success Academy)



Answer this question as **No**

Non-GISH Registrar page



Education Information

- GPA – student self report field



GISH Registrar completes transcript information after application is submitted

- Academy & Pathway
- ACT & SAT scores (**no superscores**)



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Application ID 3768

Please note: **ALL** fields must be completed.
If you do not know the information needed, enter "unknown" or 0.

Father

First Name: George

Last Name: Hatfield

Employer (if parent is unemployed, deceased, works at home, or whatever your situation may be, please enter): unknown

Job Title: unknown

I live with my father: ☐

Home Address: unknown

City/Town: unknown

State: NE

ZIP Code: 0

Graduate of Grand Island Senior High?: ☐

What is the highest level of education your father achieved?: Don't Know

Mother

First Name: Laura

Last Name: McCoy

Employer (if parent is unemployed, deceased, works at home, or whatever your situation may be, please enter): Old West Tours

Job Title: tour guide

I live with my mother: ☒

Graduate of Grand Island Senior High?: ☒

Phone: 222-333-4444

Email: mccoymccoy@oldwesttours.com

What is the highest level of education your mother achieved?: High School Diploma or Equivalent

Household Info

- If you do not know parent information enter **unknown**
- Or enter whatever your situation may be
- Parent employed by GIPS or Grand Island financial institution?

Each question in the application has a purpose



Free or Reduced Lunch Benefits

If you answer **Yes**

Do you qualify for the free or reduced school lunch program?

☒ Yes

☐ No

you need to upload your benefit letter

Application ID 3768

Attach verification of Free or Reduced Lunch Benefits.
Attachments must be in a pdf format.

No file chosen

No attachment.

Grand Island Senior High students can email [Kari Price at kprice@gips.org](mailto:kprice@gips.org) and ask for a copy of the benefit letter to be emailed to them.

All other students will need to contact their school's administration.

[Click here for directions.](#)

Click link for additional instructions



College Plans

- List up to 10 colleges/universities/trade schools
- Special college questions:



Did you apply to Northwestern University in Evanston, IL?	<input type="radio"/> Yes
	<input type="radio"/> No
Did you apply to a college or university in Western Iowa?	<input type="radio"/> Yes
	<input type="radio"/> No
Did you apply to Kansas State University?	<input type="radio"/> Yes
	<input type="radio"/> No
Are you considering attending a community college?	<input type="radio"/> Yes
	<input type="radio"/> No



College Plans

- **General** Major/Minor and **Specific**

**Try to find the best General Major match – do not suggest Undeclared*

- Degree or certificate
- Additional Major/Minor:



One of our Education Scholarships gives preference to students who want to become an Art Teacher . Are you planning to teach art?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
One of our Education Scholarships gives preference to students who want to become an Math Teacher . Are you planning to teach math?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
One of our Education Scholarships gives preference to students who want to become a Science Teacher . Are you planning to teach science?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
One of our Fine and Performing Arts Scholarships gives preference to students who plan to major or minor in Vocal Music . Are you planning to major or minor in Vocal Music?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No



Work Experience

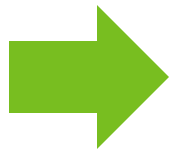
- List employment experience
- Internships?
- Work for a Grand Island financial institution?
- Job shadow at a Physical Therapy clinic?

Each question in the application has a purpose



Extracurricular Activities

- School Activities
- School-Sponsored Sports
- Community Activities/Awards



Optional Essays – Leadership & Volunteer

- Air Force JROTC and ABCDD Girls Softball



Extracurricular Activities

Special Pages

- GISH Band
- Grand Island Concert Association
- Theatre Boosters

Are you participating in a band activity during your senior year?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you participated in music or theater in high school?

☒ Yes

☐ No



Personal Essay Questions

Personal Narrative

The best personal statements describe strengths and achievements in an intimate and unique way, capitalizing on life experiences which have molded you into a worth candidate. Let the selection committee know who you are through your writing. (Max 500 words)

Personal and Career Goals

What are your personal and career goals? What is your plan for achieving these goals? (Max 500 words)

Financial Plan

Attending college can be expensive. What is your financial plan for achieving this goal? (Max 500 words)

- **Do NOT use your name**
- **GIPS Foundation Writing Rubric**

We suggest you use the information on our [Essay Workshop](#) page to guide your writing.



Click link in application to view rubric



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Scholarship Essay Questions

Grand Island Public Schools Foundation Scholarships

GIPS Foundation Scholarship Guidelines link

Many of our GIPS Foundation Scholarships have **additional essays** specific to their scholarship.

IF REQUIRED by a scholarship that you would like to be considered for, please provide the additional essay below.

DO NOT USE YOUR NAME IN THE ESSAYS. If you use your name, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify your application.

We suggest you use the **GIPS Foundation Writing Rubric** to guide your writing.

NOTE: Proof your essays before you submit your application. When you paste essays from other sources, some characters may not import correctly.

Bob Hamblet Northwestern University Scholarship

Eligibility:

- * Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High and attended Grand Island Senior High for at least two years
- * Well-rounded candidates with demonstrated academic, athletic, performing arts or community service accomplishments
- * Need to be admitted to Northwestern through the normal admittance procedures
- * Must upload Northwestern financial aid estimate

* An ideal candidate would be one for whom Northwestern University is his/her dream school and financial considerations are a barrier to attendance

NOTE: To be considered for this scholarship your application **MUST** be submitted on or before January 20, 2021

If you are applying for the Bob Hamblet Northwestern University Scholarship, tell us why you want to attend Northwestern University.
(Max 500 words)

American Legion Post 53 Scholarship

Eligibility

- * Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island Northwest, Grand Island Central Catholic, Heartland Lutheran, or Home schooled in the Grand Island Area
- * This Scholarship is for high school seniors and graduates who are currently in their first or second year of college
- * Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- * Must have a connection to a United States veteran
- * Must attend an accredited trade school, university, or college

Submit a short statement explaining your connection to a United States veteran and how has this connection made a positive impact on you?

Scholarship guideline link

- **DO NOT** use your name
- Each essay is specific to a scholarship
- All essays on this page are optional
- Read **Scholarship Guideline** to determine if you are eligible before writing essay



GIPS Foundation Essay Tips

Research the Scholarship

- Who is giving the scholarship? Why?

Eligibility

- Are you eligible for the scholarship?

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The scholarship is intended for students who work hard and need additional support to pursue their education.

Amount and Terms

- \$800/variates x 1 year

Number of Scholarships

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Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High
- A high school GPA of 3.0 or better
- Must be involved in athletics

Essay Question

- How have you overcome adversity and transformed this experience into a positive growth? (Max 500 words)




GIPS Foundation Essay Tips

Read essay prompt

- Think about the question
- Max 500 words

Make it unique

- Be personal. Be YOU.
- Don't be tempted to use the same essay over, and over, and over...

Emilio DeLeon Memorial Scholarship	
Eligibility: * Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High * A high school GPA of 3.0 or better * Must be involved in athletics	
	Write a personal statement on how have you overcome adversity and transformed this experience into positive growth. (Max 500 words)



Get organized

- Create a **Google folder** for scholarship information
- Create or update a **Resume**
leadership, extracurriculars, community service, awards/honors, work or internships
- **Save essays** as individual documents in your Google folder – easy to share!



References

- Academic and General Reference are **required**
- Ask first, then enter information

References

Every scholarship application must include **two references**.
One reference must be a High School teacher that has taught you personally.
The second reference may be a teacher, coach, community member, or job supervisor.

The people submitting references CANNOT be related to you.

Consider carefully who you will ask to be a reference and **ASK THEM** to be a part of the process **BEFORE** you enter their name into the application as they will be notified via email when you save this form.

Please remember that it is **your responsibility** to verify the email addresses of your references.

Academic Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

General Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please continue to check the status of your references.

You will not be able to submit your application until the references have been completed.

- Reference will receive an email with link




References

Your responsibility to monitor reference progress

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Academic Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address(Notified)(view)
Candi	Wiemers	cwiemers@gips.org



(Notified) — Reference has been sent an email link



References

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Please remember that it is **your responsibility** to verify the email addresses of your references.

Academic Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address(FAILED)(view)
<input type="text" value="Candi"/>	<input type="text" value="Wiemers"/>	<input type="text" value="cwiemers@whoops.org"/>

(FAILED) — reference is incorrect and bounced, you must correct the email address




References

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Academic Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Candi	Wiemers	cwiemers@gips.org (Completed) (view)



(Completed) — reference form is complete



What do the icons mean?

Icons represent the status of each document



Green check

all required fields complete

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM SECTIONS [?]

- ✓ Contact Information
- ✓ Education Information
- ✓ Household Information
- ✓ College Plans
- ⚠ Work Experience
- ! Extracurricular Activities
- ! Personal Essays
- ⚠ Scholarship Essays
- ! References and Signature
- ✓ Academic Reference
- ✓ General Reference



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Yellow triangle

all required fields complete
optional fields not complete

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Red exclamation point

at least one required field must be completed before you can submit

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Review Process

- Scholarship Review Committee **DOES NOT** have access to your contact information
- **DO NOT** use your name when completing essay questions
- How you complete your application is very important
- The Application System will filter student applications into all the Scholarship reviews the student qualifies for based on how the student answers questions



What if you have questions?



Links embedded in the application

Frequently asked questions on the Scholarship page: www.gipsfoundation.org

Contact Candi Wiemers, System Administrator at cwiemers@gips.org