



Online Scholarship Application



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One Application for 205 Scholarships

- **\$671,823** scholarship money available
- Scholarships range from \$250 - \$260,000
- Scholarships available for **ALL degrees and majors**
- **60%** of 2024 GISH Seniors who completed an application were awarded scholarships





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Web based

- Access anywhere online
- PC or Mac
- Do not recommend handheld devices
- MUST have a **valid email address** to receive important scholarship process emails



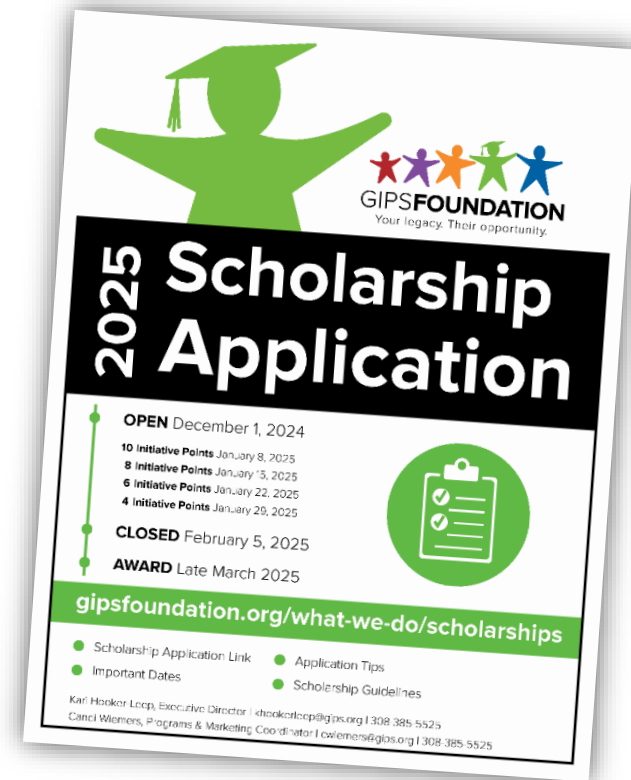


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www.gipsfoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships

- Application Link
- Important Dates
- **Scholarship Guidelines**
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Scholarship Events

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION





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
- Links embedded in application

Emilio DeLeon Memorial Scholarship

The family of Emilio DeLeon has established this scholarship as legacy to his life. Emilio was a 2010 graduate of Grand Island Senior High. He was involved in football, wrestling, and ROTC. Emilio was also a positive role model and took many opportunities to mentor those who were younger than himself. During his years in high school, Emilio had to overcome the adversity of a sports injury and subsequent surgeries. This journey helped shape his positive attitude and his subscription to the ideology of *"Planted not Buried."*

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

Amount and Terms

- \$800/varies 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 GIPS Foundation to appropriate educational institution per scholarship eligibility defined above. Scholarships larger than \$500 will be split into equal semester payments.

Claim Scholarship

The student must provide proof of enrollment (class schedule) and student ID number to the GIPS 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

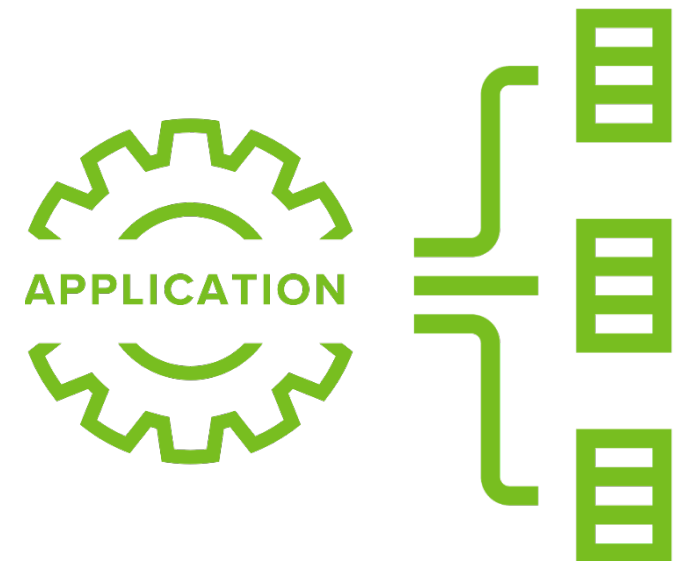
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- Bookmark application webpage



Each question has a purpose

- How you complete your application is very important
- **129** scholarship guidelines  **1 application**
- The application system will **filter** student applications into all the scholarship reviews the student qualifies for based on how the student answers questions





Create an Account

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



Forgot Password?

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

Username

Password

[Login](#)

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

[Forgot your password?](#)

Reset Password

Email Address*

and/or

Username*

Challenge Code
(required)

Challenge Code*

[Reset Password](#)

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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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Two Important Questions

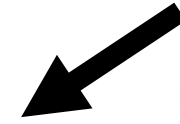
will determine appropriate GISH pages

Contact Information page

Are you graduating from high school in December 2024 or Spring 2025?

Yes

No

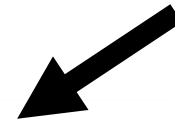


Education Information page

Will you receive your high school diploma from Grand Island Senior High?

Yes

No



BOTH answers MUST be **Yes for GISH Senior**



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:

Last Name:

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

Job Title:

I live with my father:

Home Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP Code:

Graduate of Grand Island Senior High?:

What is the highest level of education your father achieved?:

Mother

First Name:

Last Name:

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

Job Title:

I live with my mother:

Graduate of Grand Island Senior High?:

Phone:

Email:

What is the highest level of education your mother achieved?:

Household Info

- If you do not know parent information enter **unknown**
- Or enter whatever your situation may be



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


Free or Reduced Lunch Benefits

Note to GISH students:
Use the 2024-25 GIPS Alternate Household Income Benefit letter for your Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility.

Do you qualify for the free or reduced school lunch program? Yes No

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 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 information for GISH students](#)



College Plans

- College preference matters

College/University				
List all colleges you are considering attending. List colleges according to preference with the first college listed being your first choice. If you plan to attend a college not in the drop down list, please choose "Other" and enter the college in the next column.				
School Name	Other Colleges	Preference	In Nebraska?	Application Status
University of Nebraska - Kearney		1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accepted
Selection required!		Selecti	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selection req
Selection required!		Selecti	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selection req

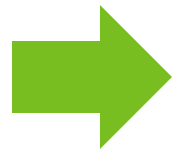
- Many scholarships have specific major qualifications

Major/Minor	
What is your anticipated general major?	Business
In addition to your selection above, please enter your anticipated specific major	Business Administration
What is your anticipated general minor?	Business
In addition to your selection above, please enter your anticipated specific minor	Marketing
What degree or certificate are you working towards?	Bachelors



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
- Grand Island Senior High Theatre Boosters
- Grand Island Senior High Visual Fine Arts

Are you participating in a GISH band activity during your senior year? Yes No

Have you participated in music or theater in high school? Yes No

Have you participated in GISH visual fine arts? Yes No





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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 [Scholarship Essay Strategies](#) 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 information on our [Scholarship Essay Strategies](#) page 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 15, 2025**

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

Scholarship guideline link

- Each essay is specific to a scholarship
- Most scholarships do NOT have an additional essay
- **DO NOT** use your name

Scholarship Essay Strategies

Busy filling out college and scholarship applications?

Need help with essays?



Understand guidelines, eligibility and “rules”

Find scholarship guidelines and how they can help you apply for scholarships. Determine if you are eligible for a scholarship and what rules might apply to your essay.



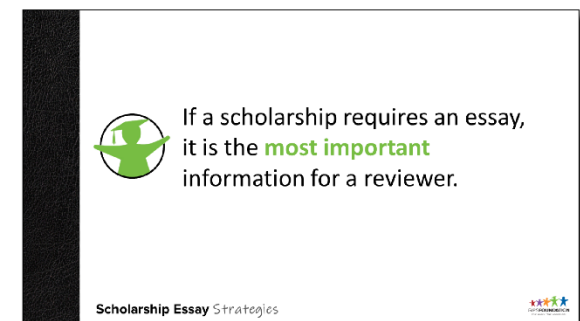
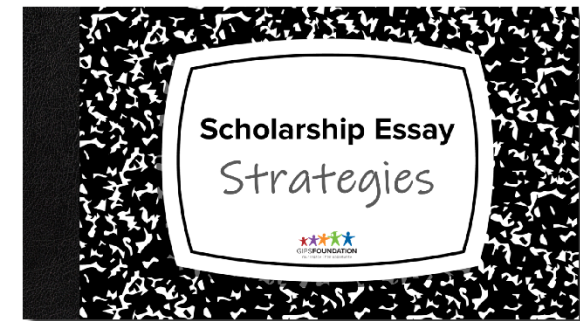
How to get organized

Manage deadlines, what to save in your scholarship folder and how to draft essays for easy feedback.



Essay prompt examples

Learn how to create a strategy to answer the prompt. Workshop includes essay examples for group to brainstorm how to make a personal connection to make your essay stand out.





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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



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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



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Academic Reference

First Name	Last Name	Email Address(FAILED)(view)
Candi	Wiemers	cwiemers@whoops.org

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



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Academic Reference

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

(Completed) – reference form is complete



What are Initiative Points?

Bonus points for submitting before deadline

- January 8 = 10 points
- January 15 = 8 points
- January 22 = 6 points
- January 29 = 4 points



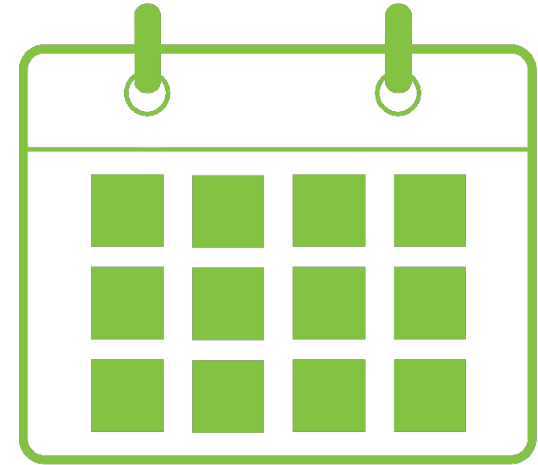
February 5 application CLOSED



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Important Application Dates

- December 1, 2024 - Application open
- February 5, 2025 - Application closed
- Late March 2025 - Scholarship offer letters (pick up at GISH)
Complete the form IMMEDIATELY
- Early April 2025 - Alternate offer letters sent*
If a first scholarship offer is declined, an alternate offer is sent





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