

Dear Students, Parents, and Guidance Counselors,

For 2019, the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding up to \$25,000 in scholarships to worthy students. The **Joanne W. Lawrence Scholarship** will be awarded to students from Grayslake Central High School who excel in life. The **Shirley A. Christian Scholarship** will be awarded to students from Grayslake North who also excel in life. Up to five scholarships will be awarded per school. The scholarships are available to students who attend either Grayslake Central or Grayslake North High School. Relatives of members of the Grayslake Chamber Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the scholarship.

Selection is based on the following:

- Need of Financial Assistance – 25%
- Achievement – 20%
- School Involvement – 20%
- Volunteer Service – 15%
- Essay – 10%
- Possible Interview – 10%.

To be considered, the following items **MUST** be included with your application:

- Completed and signed Scholarship Application form.
- Sealed/certified high school transcription.
- Letter of recommendation from a school representative, teacher or volunteer supervisor.
- An essay (500 words or less, typed double spaced) about your life goals.
- An acceptance letter from the school the student will be attending.
- To be considered, an interview may be requested on a date and time specified by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will contact eligible candidates to schedule the interview.

*Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. The Chamber is **NOT** responsible for obtaining missing information. The student will **NOT** be contacted if documents are missing.*

Applications must be **postmarked by Friday, March 1, 2019**, and mailed to:

Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 167
Grayslake, IL 60030

Winners will be recognized at a luncheon on May 23, 2019, at the Chamber's monthly networking luncheon. Winners **MUST** be present at the luncheon to receive the scholarship. Failure to attend the lunch will result in the scholarship being forfeited.

Sincerely,

Karen Christian Smith, Executive Director

2019 Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Need of Financial Assistance – 25%
- Achievement – 20%
- School Involvement – 20%
- Volunteer Service – 15%
- Essay – 10%
- Possible Interview – 10%

The candidate must be a graduating high school senior and must plan to enter an accredited institution of higher learning (tech, junior college, business college, university, etc.) the fall term following the granting of the scholarship.

AN ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE ACTUAL SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

HIGHER EDUCATION COST INFORMATION:

Number of dependent children living at home (including applicant): _____

Number of dependent children in college (not including applicant): _____

Total cost per year of school you are planning to attend: _____

(Include tuition, housing, meal plan (if applicable))

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & FINANCIAL AID:

How much of the tuition will be coming from Student Loans? _____

List below other scholarships, grants, financial aid, etc. that you have received and specify how many dollars per year. Please list separately by category. Please explain if these are reoccurring funds or a one-time allotment.

APPLICANT'S ACHIEVEMENT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

List below your community service activities, work, and volunteer jobs:

List below your school involvement including extracurricular activities (athletics, music, school offices held, etc.).

List below any recognition, awards, or honors you have received.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

State the reason(s) you need financial assistance:

APPLICANT INTRODUCTION:

Provide a brief written introduction of yourself.

IMPORTANT: Attach a typed, double-spaced essay (500 words or less) about your life goals.

NOTE: Applicant understands that if selected for a scholarship, they must attend the May 23, 2019 Chamber luncheon. Failure to attend for whatever reason WILL disqualify the applicant from receiving the scholarship. UNFORTUNATELY - NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____