

**Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation  
Scholarship Program**

**2011/2012  
APPLICATION  
AND  
INSTRUCTIONS  
*FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS***



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## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Listed below are general instructions to apply for the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation scholarship offered to Gull Lake Middle School eighth graders. Please read **ALL DIRECTIONS** carefully before filling out your application.

**The James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship deadline is April 12, 2012, 3 PM.**

### **Scholarship Cover Page and Application**

- Complete the Scholarship Cover Page.
- Complete the Scholarship Application in its entirety.
- Attach your Scholarship Cover Page to the front of your Scholarship Application.
- Do not include resumes with your application.
- Type or print legibly in ink on all application materials.

### **Recommendation Form**

- Please be sure to ask the person(s) writing the recommendation(s) at least *two weeks* in advance of the deadline.**
- Make sure the person(s) writing your recommendation(s) fills out the Scholarship Recommendation Form and includes it with the letter of recommendation.
- All recommendations must be submitted with your application.
- You may make as many copies of the form as needed.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

- Use only paper clips or clamps to attach your application materials to each other. ***Please do not use staples or binders.***
- Return your completed applications, with all requested attachments, to the Gull Lake Middle School Counselor's Office by April 12, 2012 by 3 PM.

### **Questions?**

Check with your counselor.

## **James Raymond Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship**

The James Raymond Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship was initiated in 2004 by Dr. James R. Ryan (1936-2006). Dr. James R. Ryan, brother of former Gull Lake Community Schools Superintendent Tom Ryan, was a highly respected oncology expert. He practiced in Detroit and Kalamazoo and, in later years, made his home in the Gull Lake Community School District. Dr. Ryan demonstrated a dedication to education throughout his entire life and his generous gift will assist future students in their efforts to realize their academic potential.

This annual scholarship, of up to \$8000 per year, is renewable over a four year period, for up to a maximum of \$32,000. The scholarship is offered to Gull Lake Middle School eighth graders who have demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college attendance. The applicants must demonstrate financial need.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- The applicant must be a Gull Lake eighth grader who is planning to enroll in an accredited four year college or university, as a full-time student, after the completion of high school.
- The applicant must have attained a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the second trimester eighth grade.
- The applicant must demonstrate good citizenship and high moral character prior to and throughout the period of the scholarship.
- The applicant must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA through the 2nd trimester of their senior year of high school.
- The applicant must continue to attend Gull Lake Community Schools and graduate from Gull Lake High School.
- The applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- In order for the scholarship to be renewed while attending college, the recipient must maintain a 2.5 annual GPA as a full-time college student, with each semester grades sent to GLCSF by the student as soon as they are available.

### **Application Information**

The following must be returned to the Gull Lake Middle School Counseling Office by **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 3 PM:**

- One copy of the completed Scholarship Application Cover Page.
- One copy of the completed Scholarship Application.
- A written recommendation from a Gull Lake Middle School teacher.
- A written recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant who is not a relative and is not a Gull Lake Middle School employee.
- One copy of the completed Financial Statement.
- A statement written by the student applicant, covering **all** of the following topics:
  - A brief description about the job for which you would like to study, and the career training you plan to pursue.
  - A brief statement about your interests, activities and your best abilities.
  - Any information that would assist the selection committee in understanding the need for financial assistance.
  - A brief statement about why you deserve this scholarship.

## Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation Scholarship Cover Page

I am applying for the James Raymond Ryan Family Foundation Gull Lake Middle School Scholarship.

I have fulfilled all of the requirements for this application, and I am enclosing copies of each item as requested in the **Application Information** section of the scholarship description.

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Applicant's Name (please print)

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Applicant's Signature

Date

# Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation Middle School Scholarship Application

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First/Middle/Last Name

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Permanent Street Address

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City/State/ZIP

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Date of Birth

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Phone

Email Address

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Anticipated High School Graduation Date

Male

Female

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## FAMILY INFORMATION (Provide the following information where applicable)

Name of father/stepfather/guardian

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Address

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City/State/ZIP

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Occupation

Employer

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Name of mother/stepmother/guardian

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Address

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City/State/ZIP

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Occupation

Employer

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Check if applicable    Father deceased    Mother deceased    Parents divorced

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Ages of other children in your family

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Check the box to authorize the Gull Lake Middle School Counseling Office provide a copy of your Middle School transcript and give your current GPA to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Using only the space below, list extracurricular, community/volunteer work service, and other activities in which you have participated during Middle School.

Activity	# of Years	Leadership Positions, Awards, Recognition
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Using only the space below, please list your paid or unpaid work experience during Middle School, beginning with your most recent positions.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

## Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation Scholarship Recommendation Form

**TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:** Please fill in your name, address, and the name of the scholarship for which you are applying before giving this form to the person you have asked for a recommendation.

Last/First/Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE INDIVIDUAL WRITING THE RECOMMENDATION:** The student named on this form is applying for a scholarship and has asked you to provide the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation with any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his or her application. You may be assured that the information will be considered confidential. If you are unable to complete this form by the deadline, please notify the applicant so that he/she may secure another reference.

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

When providing a recommendation, please do the following:

1. Write your letter of recommendation on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper. Please sign it and include it with this form in a sealed envelope.
2. Incorporate the following in your recommendation:
  - Compare this middle school student to others you have known.
  - Describe the characteristics/qualities you feel set this student apart.
  - Any special circumstances you feel are relevant.

**Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope before April 10, 2012.**

All completed scholarship applications (including all requested forms, essays and recommendations) must be turned in altogether by the applicant to the  
Gull Lake Middle School Counseling Office no later than  
April 12, 2012, 3 PM.

# Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation

## James Raymond Ryan Middle School Scholarship

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The applicant must demonstrate financial need.

Student Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s) of Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship(s) to applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant live in a single-parent household? \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of adults in applicant's home \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of children in applicant's home \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF CUSTODIAL PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

What was your **Adjusted Gross Income** from your tax form for 2011? \_\_\_\_\_

You may be asked to submit copies of your tax forms to support this declaration.

Does your child receive free lunch? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced lunch? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any additional information which would assist the Scholarship Selection Committee in understanding the need for financial assistance.

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By my signature, I confirm that the above information is true & accurate:

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Signature of parent/guardian                      Date                      Printed name of parent/guardian  
(All information will be treated in a confidential manner)