

***Extended Application Deadline:
Monday, June 1, 2020, 3 PM***

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after Monday, May 18, 2020 and before Monday, June 1, 2020, 3 PM***
Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, c/o: Bonnie Kuepfer
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Scholarship Program

2019-2020

INSTRUCTIONS and APPLICATION

***for the
James R. Ryan Family Foundation
Middle School Scholarship***

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James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship

HISTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Orthopedic 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 \$10,000 per year, is renewable over a four-year period, to a maximum of \$40,000 (for recipients selected beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year). The scholarship is offered to Gull Lake Middle School eighth grade students who have demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college attendance. The applicants must demonstrate financial need.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who can apply? CRITERIA TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The applicant must be a Gull Lake eighth grade student, and resident of the Gull Lake Community School District, who is planning to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university, as a full-time student, after graduation from Gull Lake High School. Enrollment in college must occur in the fall immediately following the applicant's high school graduation.

The applicant must have attained a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the end of the second marking period of eighth grade. If awarded the scholarship, the recipient's cumulative GPA through completion of eighth grade must not fall below 3.5 or the applicant's scholarship eligibility will be permanently revoked and will be given to the designated alternate.

The applicant's family must demonstrate financial need. Financial need questions which may be considered include:

- ✓ Does the applicant qualify for free or reduced lunch?
- ✓ Does the family income fall below the median family income in Michigan?
- ✓ Would the applicant be a first-generation college student (parents did not attain a college degree)?
- ✓ Does the applicant have a disabled parent or sibling, (which may put more financial burden on an otherwise middle class family)?
- ✓ Does the applicant have a parent in the military?

The applicant must demonstrate good citizenship, high moral character, and a good work ethic prior to and throughout the period of the scholarship.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY IN HIGH SCHOOL:

If awarded the scholarship, the recipient must continue to attend Gull Lake Community Schools, reside in the Gull Lake Community School District, and graduate from Gull Lake High School. During high school, the recipient must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of their freshman year of high school and every marking period thereafter, or the recipient's scholarship eligibility will be permanently revoked and will be given to the designated alternate.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY IN COLLEGE:

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 (or marking period) grades sent to the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation by the student as soon as they are available.

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Please read **ALL DIRECTIONS** carefully before filling out your application.

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- Complete the Application Form. ***Please print neatly using dark blue or black ink.***
- Your parent or legal guardian should complete the Financial Information Form.
- Email your teachers as soon as possible asking them to complete an evaluation form. The teachers already have blank forms and will email the forms ***directly*** to the GL Community Schools Foundation. ***Be sure to thank your teachers.***
Each of these teachers must complete the form labeled for their class:
 - ✓ Language Arts
 - ✓ Mathematics
 - ✓ Science
 - ✓ Social Studies
- Ask an adult who knows you well to write a letter of recommendation. This person should not be a relative or a Gull Lake Middle School employee. You can send the person writing your recommendation the Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Instructions by email. The person writing the letter of recommendation should email the letter, mail the letter directly to the GL Community Schools Foundation. ***Be sure to thank this person for writing you a letter of recommendation.***
- Write an essay covering all of the following topics:
 - ✓ A brief description about the career for which you would like to study and the career training you are planning to pursue;
 - ✓ A brief description about your interests, activities and your best abilities;
 - ✓ Any information that would assist the selection committee in understanding your need for financial assistance;
 - ✓ A brief statement about why you deserve this scholarship.

COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please staple the required pieces of your application together in this order:

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. Completed Financial Information Form
3. Your personal essay

Please do not include any additional materials.

QUESTIONS? Please ask Mrs. Ditto or Mrs. Hampel, your guidance counselor.

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Scholarship Application

*This form must be completed by the student applicant.
Please print neatly, using dark blue or black ink.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First, Middle, and Last Name _____

Permanent Street Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Email address _____

Telephone Number _____ Year of High School Graduation _____

FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of father or guardian _____

Street Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Email address _____

Home telephone number _____

Cell telephone number _____

Name of mother or guardian _____

Street Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Email address _____

Telephone number _____

Cell telephone number _____

Use the space below to describe your activities, leadership roles, community service, and responsibilities at school, in the community, and at home. Use full names (not abbreviations).

Use your essay to describe additional information and details about yourself.

ACTIVITIES (Clubs, Sports, Band, Performing Arts, Church, Community Volunteering, etc.)

Type of Activity	Sponsor of the Activity	# of years of Involvement	Leadership roles or recognition

WORK EXPERIENCE (paid or unpaid)

Employer	Responsibilities	Dates of Employment	Hours worked

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

- I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I/we authorize the Gull Lake Middle School Guidance Office to provide a copy of my middle school transcript and GPA to the Ryan Scholarship Selection Committee.

Signature of student applicant

Date

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

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Family Financial Information

*This form must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian.
Please print neatly and use dark blue or black ink.*

The applicant and family must demonstrate financial need.

STUDENT APPLICANT NAME _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of father or guardian _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Highest level of education _____

What was the father's (or guardian's), or the jointly filed **Adjusted Gross Income** from your tax form for **2019**?

Parents of scholarship finalists will be asked to submit copies of their tax forms for verification.

Name of mother or guardian _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Highest level of education _____

If filed separately, what was the mother's (or guardian's) **Adjusted Gross Income** from your tax form for **2019**?

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Does the applicant live in a single-parent or guardian household? (yes or no) _____

If so, name of Custodial Parent/Guardian _____

Total number of adults in applicant's primary home _____

