



## **ELLS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ells Family Scholarship was established in 2021 in appreciation of the Gull Lake Community Schools District and in keeping with the family's commitment to equity and social justice. The family has resided in the district since 1986. Margaret taught elementary education in Gull Lake Schools for 44 years and daughter Meghann's career also is in education. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Gull Lake Community Schools senior who is pursuing a career in education or a skilled trade. The Ells family encourages students with diverse backgrounds, as well as students who have overcome significant physical, financial, or emotional impediments, to apply for this scholarship.

### **Award**

\$1,000; non-renewable

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant must be a graduating Gull Lake Community Schools senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA at the end of the first trimester senior year. The applicant must be planning to enroll part-time or full-time in an accredited trade school, community college, 4-year college or university in the fall following graduation pursuing a career in the skilled trades or education. Students with diverse backgrounds, as well as students who have overcome significant physical, financial, or emotional impediments, are encouraged to apply.

### **Application Instructions**

Fully completed applications must be submitted electronically by midnight, Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Applications for the Ells Family Scholarship must include:

- The GL Community Schools Foundation application completed for this scholarship through Google Forms;
- Your high school transcript uploaded onto your Google Forms scholarship application.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your character and potential for success, for example, Gull Lake High School Teacher, former employer/supervisor, and/or other adult who is not a member of your family, uploaded onto your Google Forms scholarship application.
- A one- to two-page essay including biographical information answering the following questions:
  - ✓ Why have you chosen your intended course of study/career?
  - ✓ What attributes do you possess that will contribute to your success?
  - ✓ How have you overcome a significant physical, financial, or emotional impediment, if any?
  - ✓ What formal and/or informal leadership roles you have held or currently are holding, and the benefits of your doing so for individuals, an organization, and/or your community, if any?
  - ✓ Describe your participation in extra-curricular activities, community service, or employment (paid or unpaid).