



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **February 1, 2022**. Late applications will not be considered
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents required (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and/or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may download a copy of the application online at www.GoldStarMission.org
5. If chosen as a scholarship recipient, you will be notified by e-mail.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email GoldStarMission@gmail.com

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Scholarship Application
2. Cover letter: Applicants should use the cover letter to highlight areas of special emphasis in the application, such as being a member of Gold Star Family; community service/volunteerism; connection to the military or a veteran; connection to a Fallen Service Member. Letter should be at least one full page but not exceed three (3) page, typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman Font.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from applicant's choice of high school teachers, college professors, trade school instructors, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement. Letters should be from a non-family member
4. Official copy of applicant's transcripts.
5. Letter of acceptance from a college, university, trade, or technical school
6. Applicants are encouraged to include the OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire with their application to help the Gold Star Mission assess the scholarship program. The OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire is NOT required.

Please mail application to:

**GSM Education Foundation
P.O. Box 9785
Springfield, IL 62791**

OR email as PDF file to:

GoldStarMission@gmail.com

OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Age (Circle one): 17- 20 21-30 31-40 40+

2. Gender: _____

3. Ethnicity:

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|------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Caucasian/White | | Pacific Islander | |
| African American/Black | | Native American | |
| Hispanic | | Other: _____ | |
| Asian | | | |

4. County: _____

- This Questionnaire is **OPTIONAL** and will not be provided to the scholarship Committee.



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| 1 | Last Name: _____ | First Name: _____ |
| 2 | Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ | |
| 3 | Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ - _____ Email address : _____ | |
| 4 | Are you a Gold Star Family member: Yes or No Name of fallen service member: _____ Relationship to fallen service member: _____ | |
| 5 | Have you previously been awarded a scholarship from Gold Star Mission: Yes or No | |
| 6 | High School: Name of School: _____ City, State: _____ Number of years completed: _____ Did you receive your diploma? Yes or No (circle one) Did you complete your GED? Yes or No (circle one) | |
| 7 | Name of the school you will be attending in 2022 : _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: () _____ - _____ | |
| 8 | Upcoming academic education level: Freshman: ___ Sophomore: ___ Junior: ___ Senior: ___ Graduate Level: ___ Other: (explain) _____ | |



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| 9 | Will you be a full time student? Yes or No (circle one) | | | | |
| 10 | Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; Your most recent official school transcript required. | | | | |
| 11 | Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if under the age of 18: Name: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Daytime Telephone Number of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): () _____ - _____ | | | | |
| 12 | List the name of any college you have attended (attach additional pages, if required) | | | | |
| | | Year Began | Year Ended | Year Graduated | Type of Degree Received |
| | A. | | | | |
| | B. | | | | |
| 13 | SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates. | | | | |
| 14 | AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why? | | | | |

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| 15 | ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates. | | |
| 16 | RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date. | | |
| 17 | GOALS: What are the short and long-term goals for your life? | | |
| 18 | CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years? | | |
| 19 | <p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application.</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p> | | |
| 20 | YES | NO | Two reference forms. |
| | YES | NO | Letter of application/Cover letter addressed to the Scholarship Committee. |
| | YES | NO | Proof of school acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of school acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds. |
| | YES | NO | Official and recent transcripts of former education. College students must submit college transcripts, which include the last semester completed. |
| | YES | NO | Answers to questions 1-20 |
| | YES | NO | Demographic questionnaire (OPTIONAL) |



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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Gold Star Mission's Education Foundation.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to Gold Star Mission Education Foundation Scholarship policy, the scholarship award will be used to subsidize the costs of tuition, schoolbooks, fees, on-campus room and board, approved educational tutoring, and other educational expenses deemed appropriate by the student's school and approved by the GSM scholarship committee. I also must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____

(If under the age of 18)