## THE GOLD STAR MISSION SCHOLARSHIP

THE GOLD STAR MISSION HAS AWARDED 317 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THOSE SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION SINCE 2018! WE ARE PROUD TO OPEN THE 2026 GSM SCHOLARSHIP SEASON!

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WITH AN ILLINOIS CONNECTION

For consideration, submit a COMPLETE application packet to the Gold Star Mission at goldstarmission@gmail.com

Complete applications must include the following:

- A cover letter
  - Applicants should use the cover letter to explain/define their connection to Illinois and to highlight areas of special emphasis in the application, such as community service/volunteerism; connection to the military or a veteran; connection to a Fallen Service Member; etc.
- A completed Scholarship Application (found at http://www.goldstarmission. org/scholarship.php)
- Two (2) letters of recommendations (from non-family member);
- An official copy of the applicant's transcripts;
- A letter of acceptance from a college, university, trade or technical school.
- In addition, applicants are encouraged to include the OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire with their application, to help The Gold Star Mission assess the educational scholarship program. The OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire is not required.

THE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS NOV. 1, 2025 AND CLOSES FEB. 1, 2026!

ALWAYS REMEMBER, NEVER FORGET!