



GLENDALE HEIGHTS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GHCC Nicholas Christoforakis
2008 Challenge Scholarship
Application



Scholarship Criteria Scholarship Award: \$1000

Awarding a Scholarship for entrance to a
Vocational/Trade School, Business School or College

The Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce is making scholarship funds available to learning disabled high school seniors who are enrolling in a two/four year trade/vocational school, business school, college or university.

The definition that will be used to determine specific learning disability qualifications is taken from the State of Illinois Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration and Operation of Special Education.

Specific learning disability-The child exhibits a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations. Such items include conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and development aphasia. The term does not include children who have learning problems which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, of motor handicaps, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance or of environmental, cultural or economic disadvantage.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Applicant must be a Glendale Heights resident or an applicant from a member of good standing in the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ The applicant must maintain a “scholastic level” of C average or above. (Please include the high school transcripts.)
- ✓ The applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- ✓ The applicant must show evidence that the applicant was diagnosed as learning disabled at some time in his/her elementary or secondary school years. (A photocopy of an Individual Education Plan-IEP and/or Psychological Evaluation may be used for documentation.) These documents will be destroyed after the review process or returned to the applicant if a stamped, self-address envelope is provided.
- ✓ The applicant must provide a letter of acceptance from the school they plan to attend.

Scholarship Application Instructions

- ✓ The applicant must complete the scholarship application form.
- ✓ The applicant must show evidence that the applicant was diagnosed as learning disabled at some time in his/her elementary or secondary school years. (A photocopy of an Individual Education Plan-IEP and/or Psychological Evaluation may be used for documentation.) These documents will be destroyed after the review process or returned to the applicant if a stamped, self-address envelope is provided.
- ✓ The applicant must complete a 250 word essay of why they should be considered for the scholarship.
- ✓ The applicant must get two required personal references from school personnel which should include two of the following: a school counselor, administrator or teacher.
- ✓ The applicant must provide a wallet size or larger photograph of themselves.

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Name _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM,
A COPY OF YOUR SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS,
ALONG WITH A 250 WORD OR LESS ESSAY OF WHY
YOU SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

DEADLINE -- May 5th, 2008

Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5054
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
(630) 545-1099 OFFICE
(630) 858-4188 FAX

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1. Discuss your educational plans and intended career goal. Include what school/institutional facility you plan to attend.

2. List any high school activities in which you have been actively involved. Indicate the number of years of involvement including any offices held and special contributions.

3. List any extracurricular activities in which you have been an active participant indicating the nature of your involvement and the length of time of service.

4. Indicate any employment held during the past four years.

5. Are there any special circumstances which the GHCC scholarship committee should know in considering your application?

6. What is your current plan to finance your secondary education? Make note of any scholarships already received.
