

Gun Lake Casino Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose

Gun Lake Casino strives to be an active partner in the community through its Charitable Giving Program. This scholarship's purpose is to provide financial support to Allegan County students that are pursuing higher education.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Gun Lake Casino Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a current student in one of the following:
 - Allegan High School, Otsego High School, Wayland High School, Fennville Public High School, Hopkins High School, Martin High School, Plainwell High School, or Saugatuck High School.
- Be enrolled at an accredited Michigan college, university, institute, or trade school and submit either a class schedule or acceptance letter.
- Submit the Gun Lake Casino Scholarship Application by March 10 to be considered for the following academic year.
- Possess a cumulative 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Provide an official high school transcript as proof of GPA.
- Include at least two current letters of recommendation from a non-relative aware of the student's scholastic, career, and/or leadership abilities.
- Must show community involvement
- Submit a personal essay with the following criteria:
 - Essay must be at most 1,000 words in length.
 - Essay must reflect on the following topics:
 - Discuss how the Gun Lake Casino Scholarship will help as you continue your education beyond high school and how you plan to use your education to impact the community.
 - Discuss how your community has benefitted from Gun Lake Casino and/or the Gun Lake Tribe.
 - May touch on other relevant information, but should clearly focus on the above topics.

Award Process

The Gun Lake Casino Scholarship committee will consist of members of both Gun Lake Casino management and the Gun Lake Tribe. The Gun Lake Casino Scholarship will be awarded to one student from each of the high schools in Allegan County as described above. Each recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship in the form of a check made out jointly to the intended school and the student.

Discontinuation or Adjustment of Scholarship

The Gun Lake Casino Scholarship committee may discontinue or adjust the scholarship if the student chooses to withdraw from the higher education institution designated on the Scholarship Application.

Non-Discrimination

No applicant will be disqualified from the Gun Lake Casino Scholarship based on age, religion, color, gender, sexual preference, height, weight, national origin, handicapped, or physical disabilities.

Please feel free to contact Gun Lake Casino's Community Relations Coordinator at Charitable.Giving@gunlakecasino.com or 269.792.7706 with any questions.

Applications can be turned in to the school's guidance counselor by March 10.



Gun Lake Casino Scholarship Application

Student Information

Student's Legal Name

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Education Information

Current High School

Overall GPA (must provide official transcript)

College/University/Institute/Trade School- Accepted and Plan to Attend

Intended Field of Study

Community Involvement (clubs, sports, organizations, committees and volunteer experiences)

I certify that the information given is true to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that Gun Lake Casino may share my contact information internally and with the Gun Lake Tribe for purposes of fulfilling the terms of the Gun Lake Casino Scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Date

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Eligibility Rubric
For Scholarship Committee Use Only

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

Proof of enrollment at an accredited Michigan college, university, institute, or trade school (Class Schedule or Acceptance Letter):

Yes No

Cumulative Grade Point Average above 2.75:

Yes No

Official Transcript Provided:

Yes No

Scholarship Application Submitted by March 10:

Yes No

Two Letters of recommendation provided from non-relatives:

Yes No

Personal Essay provided:

Yes No

Applicant approved for further review:

Yes No

Approved by: _____



Scoring Rubric
For Scholarship Committee Use Only

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excels
Academic Achievement	0 Points Student meets minimum 2.75 GPA, with no advanced placement/college courses	1 Points Student meets minimum 2.75 GPA, with some advanced placement/college courses, OR Student has at least a 3.0 GPA with no advanced placement/college courses	2 Points Student has at least a 3.0 GPA, with some advance placement/college courses, OR Student has at least a 3.5 GPA with no advanced placement/college courses	3 Points Student has at least a 3.5 GPA, with some advance placement/college courses, OR Student has at least a 3.75 GPA with no advanced placement/college courses
Letters of Recommendation	0 Points Letters provide no personal knowledge of student's character, achievements, and leadership.	2 Points Letters provide positive personal comments about the student but fails to give examples of student's character, achievements, and leadership.	4 Points Letters provide positive personal comments about the student and gives some examples of student's character, achievements, and leadership.	6 Points Letters provide positive personal comments about the student, provides examples and clearly supports the student receiving the scholarship.
Leadership Abilities	0 Points No evidence of leadership	2 Points Minor leadership roles	4 Points Multiple examples of leadership	6 Points Multiple examples of leadership, at least one being a predominant role
Community Involvement	0 Points No community involvement, with no extenuating circumstances	2 Points Some community involvement, but nothing that stands out, vague descriptions	4 Points Multiple examples of community involvement, with no leadership roles	6 Points Multiple examples of community involvement, with at least 1 leadership role
Personal Essay	0 Points Essay does not clearly focus on the given topics, length is not near the 1,000 word limit, and/or essay is not written clearly, contains many spelling/ grammar/ punctuation errors.	3 Points Essay touches on the given topics, but shows nothing that stands out and/or essay contains more than a few spelling/ grammar/ punctuation errors.	6 Points Essay clearly focuses on the given topics, with at least 1 instance that stands out and/or contains few spelling/ grammar/ punctuation errors.	8 Points Essay clearly focuses on the given topics, with multiple instances that stand out and contains no spelling/ grammar/ punctuation errors.
Total Points				

Applicant Total (29 Possible): _____

