

# GRANITE CITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION & MALIK-EDWARDS EDUCATIONAL FUND

## COMMON APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



**Purpose:** To provide a common application for GCHS students, making them eligible for many scholarships funded in the Granite City area. The Granite City Scholarship Foundation is the clearinghouse for many local organizations to sponsor and fund scholarships. This is done for the convenience and benefit of GCHS students. Since 1955, the Granite City Scholarship Foundation has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to GCHS students, all funded by donations from local businesses, non-profits, and civic organizations.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a graduating GCHS student.

**Amount:** Minimum of \$2,000 per recipient.

**Requirements:**

1. All parts of the application, including the student essay response, must be completed to receive consideration.
2. A copy of an official or unofficial GCHS student transcript must accompany this application.
3. Two letters of character reference must accompany the application. These may be general letters of recommendation from anyone who knows the applicant well.

**Applications:** Completed applications must be received (not postmarked) by April 20, 2026.

Applications can be mailed or delivered to:

**Granite City Scholarship Foundation  
Attention: Keith Burton  
2212 Amos Ave  
Granite City, IL 62040**

In-person delivery of the application packet may be brought to GCHS room 243.

# GCSF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please **print** or **type** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address:  Street: _____  City: _____ State: _____  ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (       )       -	
4.	Email address: _____	
5.	<b>High School Experience</b> What would you like the selection committee to know about your GCHS experience? Please list any clubs, sports, or activities you participated in, as well as any honors you may have received.	

6.	<p><b>Post-Secondary Plans</b></p> <p>A. Which college or university are you planning to attend after high school graduation?</p> <p>B. What major field or study do you plan on pursuing?</p> <p>C. What careers are typically associated with your major field of study?</p>
7.	<p><b>Family Financial Statement</b></p> <p>A. Would you describe your annual family income as (check one):</p> <p>_____ Above \$60,000      _____ Below \$60,000</p> <p>B. How many total people live in your household (including you)? _____</p> <p>C. How many siblings are currently enrolled in college? _____</p> <p>D. Does your mother or father hold a post-high school degree of any kind?</p> <p>_____ Mother      _____ Father</p>
8.	<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <p>Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know about you that is not contained in the answers to the previous questions (personal experiences, volunteer activities, clubs, awards, or honors that you may have received, or a personal message to the selection committee is applicable here)?</p>

9.	<p><b>Essay</b></p> <p>In 200 words or fewer, please respond to <b>one</b> of the three questions below. Submit your essay response with the rest of your application. Typed responses are appreciated.</p> <p>A. Why have you selected your particular field of study, and how do you see it helping you impact the future?</p> <p>B. How have your life experiences developed you into the person you are today?</p> <p>C. How will receiving this scholarship help you prepare for your first year of college?</p>
10.	<p><b>High School Academics</b></p> <p>Cumulative G.P.A _____/5.0                      Class Rank _____</p> <p>ACT Score _____                      SAT Score _____</p> <p>Honors Program? _____ College Prep? _____ Technical Prep? _____</p>

### Application Checklist

Have you.....

- ☐ Completed this application to the best of your ability?
- ☐ Included an official or unofficial transcript of your classes, grades, and grade point average from Granite City High School?
- ☐ Included an essay that answered one of the questions provided?
- ☐ Included **two** letters of recommendation that speak to your character?

### Certification

I hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that financial need and one's assessed ability to succeed at the post-secondary level may be determining factors in being awarded a scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Authorization: I have checked this form for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information reported is complete and correct. I authorize its use by the Granite City Scholarship Foundation, Inc., in the deliberation for selection.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_