**Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars**

**The Gavin C. Gray Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**

**Award:** Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars was founded in 1989 and is a volunteer-driven, community non-profit organization. Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars has established The Gavin C. Gray Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students, which is funded by donations specifically designated for this program.

**Non-Traditional Student-General Guidelines**

* This scholarship is to be awarded to non-traditional students; adults returning to college and working towards an undergraduate degree, certification or license to advance in a current job or prepare for another job. \*See Note
* Recipient must be at least 20 years old who is a former Taconic Hills School District Graduate, current Taconic Hills School District resident or a current Taconic Hills School District employee, (regardless of where the employee lives).
* Scholarship will be up to $1000 but are not to exceed 50% the cost of the current tuition or certificate course cost.

**Eligibility Rules/Guidelines:**

* If applicant is currently employed, the applicant must indicate on the Application whether or not the company/organization has an educational reimbursement policy. If an educational reimbursement policy exists, the employee will provide information regarding the specifics of the program.
* An adult can apply more than once, but total lifetime disbursement to an individual (at 1/2 the cost of course(s) bill) will not exceed $1000. Any applicants reapplying will be considered for an additional scholarship with all other applicants at the time.
* Scholarships are subject to the number of applicants and available funds.
* Only Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars Gavin C. Gray Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students applications will be accepted for consideration.
* There will be three (3) application periods/deadlines per year.

 May 1-for scholarship consideration for study June-August

 July 1-for scholarship consideration for August-December

 November 1-for scholarship consideration for January-June

*In addition to the disbursement of Non-Traditional Scholarships, The Gavin C. Gray Memorial Scholarship will award two (2)  $1000 scholarships annually, as needed, through the Founders’ Scholarship application process, using the Founders’ Scholarship Criteria.*

**\*The Board of Directors of THDFS will review requests that do not fit this requirement and will make the final determination on acceptance/rejection of the application.**

**All decisions regarding Scholarships are final after approval by the Board of Directors of Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars. The Board of Directors wishes you the best of luck in successful completion of the attached application.**

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The selection committee for the Scholarship will review applications three times a year, (May, July, November). See application deadlines on the Scholarship Description. All decisions regarding Scholarships are final after approval by the Board of Directors of Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are you 20 or older? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Does your employer have an educational reimbursement Policy? \_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes please attach information regarding the specifics of the program.

Are you a former Taconic Hills School District Graduate, current Taconic Hills School District resident or a current Taconic Hills School District employee, (regardless of where the employee lives). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College, program or trade school you will attend if given this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Certificate, degree, license you will earn? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any community groups or volunteer service you are involved with: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the statements and information provided in this application are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, please type a 200-300 word essay answering the following questions:

1. Why are you taking these courses, certification program or learning this trade?
2. What do you see will be the benefits of this education?
3. Attach information if your employer has a reimbursement program for taking these classes.

**A bill or invoice indicating the total cost of the class/program must be submitted with your application and general release form.**

**A check will be mailed to your college, trade school etc. of which you are taking the course directly. We are not permitted to issue checks to students or parents. We cannot issue a check to the college, trade school etc. if there is a zero balance on the tuition bill.**

Return the completed application, release form and bill or invoice to:
 Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars
 PO Box 1119
 Philmont, NY 12565

 Or by email to taconichillsdfs@outlook.com
If you have e questions email taconichillsdfs@outlook.com Approved: 7/2022