

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2015

Questions & Answers

Gananda Dollars for Scholars and associated committees, together with its many community and business sponsors, seek to acknowledge confident, caring and successful youth by rewarding their past achievements and encouraging high educational goals for the future.

Scholarships require attendance at an institution of higher technical or academic training within 2 years of graduation, in addition to a wide range of specified criteria determined by award sponsors. Proof of volunteer service to the community and an online application are now required for GDFS awards.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars (GDFS) is a community-based, nonprofit organization that raises scholarship funds for qualified Gananda graduates. These scholarships help to further the education of students who have a strong work ethic and make a contribution to the community. GDFS is supported by local individuals, organizations and businesses and is a part of Scholarship America.

With the generous support of individuals and community-minded businesses, the Gananda chapter of Dollars for Scholars awarded a total of \$34,150 to Class of 2015 applicants as well as another \$3,000 to Class of 2014 Scholarships Plus recipients. Education is important! Make sure all students reach their career goals with a good education.

Thank you!

BUSINESS Sponsored Awards

Airy Acres Sportsmanship
 Baldwin Richardson Foods
 Children's Continuous Care
 Gananda Gardens
 Get-It-Straight Orthodontics
 Golf Club at Blue Heron Hills
 Hayes & Stone Business Education
 Invest Your Time
 J.D. Chapman Agency
 K & D Disposal Salutatorian
 Long Acre Farms
 The Lyons National Bank Valedictorian
 Mowers4U, Inc.
 Re/Max
 Steinmiller Associates, Inc.

MEMORIAL Awards

Susan H. Alexander
 Luanne D. Palatas & Michael Bentzoni
 Emily Paige Bickert
 Joshua Peter Bourgeois
 Abraham & Nettie Bullis
 Ruben A. Cirillo
 Dee Happell
 Ryan J. Loftis
 Richard Mann
 Rich Struzzi

COMMUNITY Awards

Assemblyman Bob Oaks
 Boy Scouts of America-Troop 167
 Drumlín Square Lodge No. 1180
 Gananda CSD Distinguished Panther
 Gananda CSEA Local 859
 Gananda Community Youth Theatre
 Gananda Employees Care About Kids
 Gananda Parents' Association
 Gananda Performing Arts Boosters
 Gananda Sports Boosters
 Gananda Youth Lacrosse
 Liebert Family Visual Arts
 Macedon Association of Police Officers
 Macedon Center Twirlettes
 Macedon Town Ambulance Corps
 Moose Family Life Center
 Walworth Auxiliary Fire Department
 Walworth Chamber of Commerce
 Walworth Fire Department
 Walworth Grange
 Walworth Order of the Eastern Star
 Western Wayne Art Group

Community Supported GDFS Awards

911
 Blue Panther
 Foundations of the Future
 Phone-a-thon and Scholarships Plus

1. How are funds raised for DFS?

The annual spring phone-a-thon to school district residents is GDFS' main fundraiser. Most of the Phone-a-thon pledges are awarded as student scholarships the same year.

In addition to funds raised at GDFS' events, many community organizations and businesses sponsor "pass through" scholarships. These generous tax-deductible gifts are a meaningful way to give back to the community and support our youth following their education goals.

2. How does a student qualify for an award?

Each award has its own criteria. Some include good grades; but most are looking for hard working, well-rounded individuals contributing to their school and wider community. They are merit rather than need-based awards. All recipients must be continuing their education beyond Gananda. There are several multi-year or "renewable" awards. Seniors must complete the application by March.

3. Does GDFS invest some of its funds for future scholarships?

In 1997, Gananda DFS established the Foundation of the Future endowment fund. Today, the fund's earnings provide the money for student scholarships. GDFS now holds 15 endowment funds whose earnings are distributed to students as awards each spring. GDFS has applied for and received \$40,000 in grants for its endowments. These funds are conservatively and professionally managed.

4. What is ChapterNet?

ChapterNet is a comprehensive online resource for students, parents, donors and chapter volunteers. Students can fill out a free personal profile at ChapterNet which serves as an application for local as well as national scholarships. Check it out at:

www.gananda.org/GDFS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Spirit Week** Jar Wars/Pennies by the Pound
 --- Pumpkin Carry
- Nov. 19 evening** Alex and Ani in Victor
- Dec. 1** ROC the Day
- Dec. 5 6-9 pm** Light the Night-Ginegaw Park
- Dec. 9 2:30-5 pm** Caroling in Community
- January 1** Scholarship Application and Student Activity Log available at www.gananda.org/GDFS
- March 5, 7** Phone-a-thon
- March TBA** March Madness at Mark's
 TBA Completed student profile/ application for all GDFS awards
- May 2** Annual meeting & election of officers
- June 6** GDFS Awards Ceremony
- June 28** "Award accepted" deadline
- Late July** Award checks sent to recipients
- After school once each month** Social time at Gananda Gardens

Chapter Leaders 2015-2016

Heather Keenan	President
Tracy Hoteling	Vice President
Heidi Schukraft	Treasurer
Lisa Fox	Asst. Treasurer
Michelle Miller	Secretary
Christine LoTempio	Corresponding Secretary
Jill Escriva	Awards Committee Chair
Rhonda Ptak	Fundraising Coordinator
Rebecca Bisio	Publicity Coordinator
OPEN	Student Volunteer Coordinator

Helping Hands: Joan Allen, Mary Crelley, Lynda Dermady, Lisa Finnegan, Don Fox, Liz Heumann, Kim Kulik, Jackie LaPlant, Barb Pavone, Rhonda Ptak, Sue Smith, Amy Szlucha, Patty Thomas and **you**, too!



Phone-a-thon

Dear DFS members,

"Thank you for all that you do for Gananda's seniors.

I appreciate the Gananda Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-Thon Award, it will make paying for college less of a burden. The fact it is renewable next year is a bonus. Thank you for your dedication for helping seniors fund their college dreams. Thank you for the signed poster of Gananda. It is humbling and validating to be recognized for my volunteerism".

-- 2014 GDFS Award Winner, Kristina K.

GDFS meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., RAC High School Library.

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 A Program of Scholarship America®

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 2012 Chapter of the Year
 for the New York region!
 ★ 1 of 5 chapters nationwide★**

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