

Gilbert Education Foundation Scholarships

2023 – 2024 Academic Year

(Students may **apply** for more than one scholarship but are only eligible to **win one**)



We are pleased to be able to offer scholarships to our graduating seniors. Note that scholarships are available for all GPAs, fields of study, types of schools, etc. Do not miss this opportunity to help fund your education!

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

You may apply for as many different scholarships as you choose; however, you will only be awarded one scholarship. Applications must be submitted online through our [scholarship and grant portal](#) by midnight on or before March 4, 2024 or it will not qualify. Each scholarship has its own specific application. Be sure to check that you are filling out the correct application for the scholarship you wish to apply, meet the eligibility listed, and follow the specific instructions. The application must be complete or it will not qualify and **MUST INCLUDE**:

- Completed Online Application found at: [Gilbert Education Foundation Scholarship/Grant Portal](#) (follow instructions for setting up a “new user” account to access applications)
- PDF copy of current high school transcript uploaded to your online application. (Does not need to be official.)
- Upload PDF to your application of *any other required documents*, **if any** (specific to each scholarship – read applications to check for requirements).

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO ALL GPS HIGH SCHOOLS (Specific School Only Scholarship Listings Follow):

GEF Community College Believe in Yourself Scholarship (\$3,000/yr) This scholarship will be awarded to a student who may have faced challenges in their past, but believes in their future. Applicant must be pursuing a two-year degree at any Maricopa County Community College. **An unweighted cumulative GPA must not be HIGHER than a 2.7.** This scholarship is renewable if the student, after completing their first year of community college, continues to be in good standing and on track to graduate with their associate degree.

STEAM Scholarship (\$1,000) One of GEF’s initiatives is to increase STEAM education; in light of this, we offer this scholarship to those students entering the STEAM field. Requirements: Pursuing a degree at any accredited four-year or two-year college in **Science, Technology, Arts** (visual arts, language arts, physical arts, and music), **Engineering**, or **Math**. GPA: Unweighted cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher.

Thank a GPS Educator/Employee Scholarship (\$1,000 for student, \$1,000 for Educator) This unique scholarship is open to any student who is attending either a two or a four-year college. This scholarship gives students a chance to thank any GPS educator or employee who has made a difference in their lives. The educator/employee must be a current employee of the GPS district. The selection will be based on the student’s essay illustrating this person’s impact on them. Students will receive \$1,000 for their college/program, and educators/employees will receive \$1,000 to be used for professional development, teaching supplies, curriculum, etc. GPA: Unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. There is no particular field of study required. May be used for 2-year, 4-year, trade or technical programs.

Working Student Scholarship (\$1,000) This scholarship is open to any student who has worked during high school. Requirements: Students must have a minimum of 700 verified paid work hours accumulated from August 2021 through December 1, 2023. GPA: Unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. There is no particular field of study required. May be used for 2-year, 4-year, trade, or technical programs.

GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

Charlee Hawkins Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) This scholarship is in memory of Charlee Hawkins, a former student of Gilbert High School. Applicants must meet the following requirements: 1. Must be a graduating senior of Gilbert High School. 2. Must have volunteer community service. 3. Must have been involved in extracurricular activities. 4. Must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher. Scholarship recipients can pursue any accredited community college, four-year university, or technical school.

Musical Arts (Coons Family) Scholarship (\$1,000) This scholarship was generously provided by the Coon family (Gilbert Alumni) to benefit a senior from Gilbert High School who is pursuing a degree in music arts, including performance, theory, literature, etc. GPA: unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Please see application for specifics.

Rene Riley Memorial Scholarship (\$500) This scholarship is in memory of Rene Riley, a former student of Gilbert High School. Applicants must meet the following requirements: 1. Must be a graduating senior from Gilbert High School. 2. Must have participated in GHS Track and/or Cross-Country team(s). 3. Must be female. 4. Students must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

Power of One Highland "Hawks" School Scholarship (\$1,000) This scholarship was created by HHS, which received this funding for being one of the top three schools that raised the most for GEF's annual Power of One Campaign. Applicants must meet the following requirements: (1) Must be a graduating senior from Highland High School. (2) Must be pursuing a degree or certificate at a 4-year, 2-year, or vocational/CTE school. (3) GPA: unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Must be a graduating senior of Gilbert Public Schools.
- Must plan on attending an accredited two or four-year College or University, technical or vocational school in the fall of 2024 or as indicated per each scholarship. If you are not planning on attending a program in the fall of 2024 – **please do not apply. We are unable to defer scholarships.**
- Must meet minimum requirements designated by each particular scholarship.
- Students may apply for more than one scholarship; however, only one will be awarded to a student.

For questions relating to scholarship applications, please contact, (email is preferred):

Gilbert Education Foundation: 480.239.5117 (Text/Call) | Info@gefaz.org

Note that falsification of information or submission of late or incomplete application disqualifies the applicant. Submission and Gilbert Education Foundation (GEF) acceptance of a completed application does not guarantee an award. All GEF monies will be paid directly to the college, university or technical/vocational school. All applications remain confidential and become the property of the GEF.