

Gana-A'Yoo Foundation

Scholarship Guidelines

Gana-A'Yoo Foundation's scholarship policy is intended to provide financial assistance to Gana-A'Yoo, Limited (GYL) Shareholders and/or their descendants while attending an accredited college/university, trade, technical, or vocational school. The goal is to financially support all eligible students who wish to seek higher education.

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation has four (4) types of scholarships – General, Competitive, Vocational, and Short-term.

A. Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must:

1. Be a Gana-A'Yoo, Limited shareholder or a descendant of an original shareholder. If not a shareholder of Gana-A'Yoo, Limited, submit a copy of your birth certificate as proof of your relationship to an original Gana-A'Yoo shareholder and a family tree to the best of your ability (first time applicants only).
2. For general and competitive scholarships: Be accepted to an accredited college or university full time.
3. For a vocational scholarship: Be accepted to a technical or vocational school program.
4. For a short-term scholarship: Be enrolled in an accredited college or university part-time or in technical or vocational school program that lasts less than four (4) months.
5. Maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and earn the required number of credits if full-time. If a student does not maintain this requirement, the following will apply:
 - *Probation:* If a student's GPA fails below the standard criteria during the school term, he or she will be placed on probation for the next school term.
 - *Ineligible:* Any student on probation who fails to maintain the established GPA or does not complete the required number of credits if full-time at the end of two consecutive school terms will be considered ineligible. In order to become eligible again, the student must successfully complete two school terms achieving the established GPA criteria and earn the required number of credits if full time on his or her own.

B. General Guidelines

Completed scholarship applications are awarded annually. The funds may be used for any purpose that help the student attend and complete school.

Both competitive and general scholarship students must submit a new application and transcripts each school year. To be considered, all completed applications must be postmarked by **June 15th**. For the spring semester for the general scholarship the application

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must be postmarked by **September 30th**. Unreadable documents will not be accepted. If an application is received at least two weeks before the deadline, the applicant will be notified of missing or unreadable documents.

Vocational scholarship applicants must submit a new application and transcripts for each program. Suggestion: Applications will be accepted and reviewed quarterly. Applications postmarked by December 1st; March 1st; June 1st and September 1st will be reviewed and potentially awarded within three weeks of those dates.

It is recommended that students make arrangements with the School Registrar to mail a transcript to the Foundation when the grades are posted at the end of a term. Copies of transcripts will not be accepted.

C. General scholarships

Awards are available to all eligible applicants accepted to an accredited college or university full time. The amount and number of scholarship awards will vary depending on the availability of funds and the number of applications received. Students who are awarded general scholarships are also eligible to apply for a competitive scholarship.

The scholarship committee will review each application packet and will score the following areas:

- Personal essay (40 points possible: 10 points - educational goals; 10 points - professional goals; 20 points – your cultural awareness or how you might contribute to a healthy community).
- Grade point average (40 points possible). Example a GPA of 3.0 equals 30 points.
- Letters of recommendation (20 points possible).
- Additional Points for class standing will be added as follows: Sophomores 10 Juniors 20 Seniors 30 Masters 40 PhD/MD/JD 50

General scholarship applicants must submit the following:

1. A complete application form. All questions must be answered to the best of your ability, if any questions are left unanswered your application will be considered incomplete.
2. Proof of full-time enrollment (i.e. Copy of letter of acceptance, enrollment verification letter, or current semester course registration form) from the school he or she will be attending.
3. Current transcripts. Incoming freshman must submit high school transcripts or a copy of his or her GED scores. Continuing students must submit transcripts with most current semester grades and GPA.
4. 300 to 500 word essay describing: 1) educational goals, 2) professional goals, 3) cultural awareness and contributions to healthy communities.
5. Current letters of recommendation from two (2) individuals ***must be submitted annually***. Please do not submit the same letters of recommendation that you have submitted to Gana-A'Yoo in prior years.

D. Competitive scholarships

Competitive scholarship awards will be made from donations received from the general public and fund raising efforts. The Board of Directors will determine the number and amounts of competitive scholarships to be awarded annually based on contributions received during the previous fiscal year.

Competitive scholarships will be determined in four (4) categories and are intended for full-time students who are: either a freshman or a sophomore; either a junior or senior or those enrolled in a master's level program, or PhD/MD/JD. The Board of Directors can at their discretion, revise the number and amounts as they consider appropriate.

Awards are made to students attaining the highest scores as awarded by the Scholarship Committee. Students must be enrolled to an accredited college or university, must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and must not have been on probation for at least one year.

The Scholarship Committee will review each application packet and will score the following areas:

- Personal essay (40 points possible: 10 points - educational goals; 10 points - professional goals; 10 points – extra-curricular service activities or volunteer service; and 10 points – your cultural awareness or how you might contribute to a healthy community).
- Grade point average (40 points possible). Example a GPA of 3.5 equals 35 points.
- Personal impression (20 points possible). Tips to maximize personal impression points include: type the application form; include a well-rounded essay addressing all focus points; and ensure the professional quality of all submitted materials.

Competitive scholarship applicants must submit the following in addition to the requirements for the general scholarship with their application packet:

1. 300 to 500 word essay describing: 1) educational goals, 2) professional goals, 3) extra-curricular and community service activities or volunteer service and 4) your cultural awareness or how you might contribute to a healthy community. Returning students applying for a competitive scholarship must submit revised essays to include current events, achievements, and experiences.

E. Short-term scholarships

The intent of the short-term scholarship is to help eligible students pay for the actual cost of a college accredited course or a program when attending school part-time. Students may apply year round for funding. Full-time students are eligible for the short-term scholarship if they wish to attend summer classes. Students may receive no more than two (2) awards per year and the amounts to be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Board of Directors will determine an annual total limit for all awards.

Short-term scholarship applicants must submit the following:

1. A complete application form.

2. Proof of part-time enrollment (i.e. Copy of letter of acceptance, enrollment verification letter, or current semester course registration form) from the school he or she will be attending.
3. Current transcripts. Incoming freshman must submit high school transcripts or a copy of his or her GED scores. Continuing students must submit transcripts with most current semester grades and GPA.
4. One page letter describing personal and professional goals.

F. Vocational scholarships

The intent of the vocational scholarship is to help eligible students pay for the cost of a vocational program. Students may apply year round for funding. Students may receive no more than one (1) award per year and the amount to be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Board of Directors will determine an annual total limit for all awards.

Vocational scholarship applicants must submit the following:

1. A complete application form.
2. Proof of enrollment (i.e. Copy of letter of acceptance, enrollment verification letter, or current semester course registration form) from the program he or she will be attending.
3. Continuing students must submit transcripts with most current semester grades and GPA.
4. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
5. One page letter describing personal and professional goals.

G. Notification of Awards

General and competitive scholarship applicants will be notified in writing as to the status of their application within 2 weeks of approval. Short-term and vocational applicants will be notified within four (4) weeks of receipt of an application.

Scholarship checks will be sent to the Financial Aid Office at the school in the name of the student. The Financial Aid Office will verify that the scholarship recipient is enrolled as a full-time student. If a student does not attend school in the fall semester or does not enroll as a full-time student, the scholarship award must be returned to the Foundation. If that student then re-enrolls as a full-time student in the following spring semester, the money will be sent to the Financial Aid Office at the student's request with confirmation of full-time enrollment.

If you have questions, concerns or need assistance with your application, please contact:

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