

# SGOF Scholarship Initiatives

## Questions And Answers



1. What is the purpose of the Scholarship Initiatives?

Answer: To recruit, identify, interview, and select deserving graduating high school seniors for scholarships in Sumter, Lake, and Marion Counties.

2. Who are the target high schools and Gents representatives/mentors?

Answer:

Wildwood Middle High School	- Harold Williams
Leesburg High School	- Michael Napier
Lake Weir High School	- Michael Hardy
The Villages Charter High School	- Otis Lane

3. Can a student apply for a Gents Scholarship Award who does not attend one of the target schools above?

Answer: Yes. However, top priority is given to the target schools where there are volunteer Gents representatives/mentors.

4. What do students have to do in order to be considered for the Gents scholarship award?

Answer:

- Required to complete an "Application For Sophisticated Gents Scholarship" (download from Gents website or get copy from school Counselor).
- A graduating senior with at least a 2.50 GPA (grade point average).
- Plans to enroll in a higher education endeavor (two or four-year college, trade or business school).

5. How are students selected to receive the Gents Scholarship?

Answer:

- Review of application and/or interview by Gents representative/mentor at the local school
- The top 3 applicants are ranked based on:
  - financial need
  - high school accomplishments
  - student's personal desire to achieve postsecondary educational goals
  - the Gents representative's/mentor's overall evaluation of the student
- Each school representative/mentor presents his slate of candidates (based on the above criteria) to the full Scholarship Committee for a final selection.

6. What are selected students required to do in order to receive the Gents Scholarship Award?

Answer:

- Attend our upcoming Scholarship Luncheon held in June each year.
- Speak about themselves and their educational plans (no longer than 2 minutes). They can invite 2 guests to accompany them to the Luncheon. The attire for the young men is shirt, jacket and tie (no sneakers or jeans). The

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young ladies should wear skirts, blouses, dresses and slacks (no sneakers, or jeans).

- (c) Submit College Letter of Acceptance.
- (d) Submit a schedule of classes for the Summer or Fall quarter/semester.
- (e) Student is required to be enrolled full-time.
- (f) Provide contact information (phone number, email, and mailing address).

7. Is the Gents Scholarship Award a one-time or extended commitment?

Answer: We have offered and given extended two-year Gents Scholarship Awards to 12 students over the last 3 years. Currently, we have offered extended four-year Gents Scholarship Awards to 4 students. However, the majority of the students in the past have been offered a one-time scholarship award.

8. What are the requirements for a student to receive an extended Gents scholarship award?

- Required to submit an official college or trade school transcript from the previous academic year.
- Write a letter explaining the need for continued financial support.
- Submit a schedule of classes for the Summer or Fall quarter/semester.

9. Do you only award scholarships for college?

Answer: We offer Gents Scholarship Award to any student eligible for two or four-year accredited university, college, trade or business school.

10. How do you raise money for the Gents Scholarship Award Initiatives.

Answer:

- (a) Gents/The African American Club (TAAC) Friendship Golf Tournament
- (b) Corporate Sponsors/Donors
- (c) Individual Gents members and TAAC members donors
- (d) Memorial and anonymous sponsors/donors

11. What is the amount of the scholarship award given to students?

Answer: The amount depends on the total amount raised from corporate, memorial sponsors and individual donors, divided equally between Gents and TAAC (after expenses are paid). The range is \$1000 - \$3000 per student scholarship award.

12. Do you stay in touch and/or track scholarship award recipients success in college or trade school?

Answer:

- Via email, letter, or telephone conversation with extended scholarship award recipients annually.
- Developing a new online survey to track one-time scholarship award recipients.