



Founders Scholarship

Application Instructions and Teacher Recommendation Form

COMPLETE APPLICATION DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

- **All student applications must be submitted online.** The Online Application will be available on 12/1/2017.
- **Please give the paper recommendation form to a Gateway teacher,** to be completed and returned to Ms. Olken. The recommendation form is at the end of this packet.

I. Gateway High School Founders Scholarship

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In their honor, the Gateway High School Founders Scholarship aims to recognize and financially assist students who:

- See their education as providing the potential and responsibility to create change in their environments;
- Have demonstrated through their efforts that they value their time at Gateway and have internalized the school's mission;
- Have accepted responsibility for their own learning by seeking out challenges as opportunities for growth and have taken advantage of educational opportunities.

II. Scholarship Eligibility:

In addition to fitting the description above, the Gateway High School Founders Scholarship is open to graduating seniors who meet the following eligibility requirements.

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- On track for completion of Gateway High School course and service requirements
- Attendance at Gateway for the majority of high school
- Attendance (intended) at a four-year or two-year accredited college or university beginning in the fall term after graduation
- Recommendation by a member of the Gateway faculty or staff

- Participation in an interview if invited.

III. Scholarship Benefits

The Gateway High School Founders Scholarship will provide its recipients with up to \$4,000 to help offset the costs of college. Students who matriculate directly to a four-year college or university will receive \$1,000 per year for up to four years that they are in college. Students who matriculate initially to a two-year college will receive \$500 for up to two years while at that college, and if they transfer to a four-year college or university, they will receive \$1,500 for up to two years to offset costs at the four-year school. Students must be enrolled full-time in college to be eligible for scholarship funding.

IV. Checklist for Application & Required Attachments

- Completed application (must be completed online.)**
- Recommendation by a member of the Gateway faculty or staff. (See last page of this packet.)**

FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP SAMPLE APPLICATION

PLEASE USE PAGE 3 AND 4 TO PLAN YOUR ANSWERS. THIS IS **NOT** THE APPLICATION, IT IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ONLY.

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SECTION A: Personal Information

1. Name: _____

2. Home Address: _____
Street # and name City Zip Code

3. Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone # _____

4. Email address: _____

5. Date of Birth ____/____/____

6. Current Cumulative GPA (including 1st Semester): _____

SECTION B: College/University Information

The Gateway High School Founders Scholarship requires that you attend a college/university beginning Fall 2017, complete full-time units each term, maintain a G.P.A. of 2.25, and submit annual updates to Gateway High School.

1) List your top choices of colleges/universities to which you've been accepted for Fall 2017

(a) _____
Name City State

(b) _____
Name City State

(c) _____
Name City State

2) List any other colleges/universities from whom you are still awaiting a decision:

3) Which school do you plan/hope to attend? _____

4) What major are you interested in? _____

SECTION D: Essay*Follow these directions carefully!*

Be the change you wish to see in the world – Mahatma Gandhi

How have you demonstrated your commitment to using your education to create a positive impact on your community? How do you plan to continue making an impact in college and beyond? How has Gateway helped you along your educational and personal journey?

Prepare a statement that explains in detail your ideas and plans. Your essay should be no longer 550 words in length, typed and double-spaced.

SECTION E: Authorization and Certification

Please read and check the boxes below.

I certify that all of the information submitted with my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official of Gateway High School, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given. I understand that the inclusion of any false or misleading information, or the exclusion of requested information, will result in the removal of my application from consideration for any award and will necessitate the repayment of any award I receive. Moreover, I pledge to use the proceeds from any award for books, fees, tuition, supplies and equipment related to my college education. Use of the proceeds for purposes unrelated to my college education will result in a revocation of award and will necessitate the repayment to Gateway High School Founders Scholarship Fund of any funds I have received.

Permission is hereby given to any college/university, federal, state or county officials to release to Gateway High School any information related to my application and Gateway High School Founders Scholarship, my scholarship eligibility during the years of my scholarship award.

I understand I must supply all follow-up information by the date requested. I have read the application instructions. I am aware that incomplete or missing information on my application will jeopardize consideration for this award.

Student signature _____ Date _____

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GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Founders Scholarship

Teacher Recommendation Form

APPLICANT: PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF THE GATEWAY FACULTY OR STAFF TO COMPLETE THIS RECOMMENDATION FORM.

RECOMMENDER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION TO SHARON OLKEN BY FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

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II. Recommendation Form: For this scholarship, we are asking that all applicants be recommended by a member of the Gateway faculty or staff. Please take the time to complete this recommendation form thoughtfully and honestly.

Student You Are Recommending:	
Your Name	
Your Signature	
Date	

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III. Recommender Questions: Please answer the following questions on another piece of paper.

1. How long have you know this student and in what context?
2. What are the first words that come to mind to describe this student?
3. Why do you think this student is a good candidate for this scholarship? Please use specifics based on the description above.

Thank you!

Please return your completed recommendation to Sharon Olken by Friday, April 6, 2018