



**THE ROBERT “BOB” HANNON
GALLATIN EMPIRE LIONS CLUB
COMMUNITY SERVICE
SCHOLARSHIP**



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Dear Applicant

It is the intent of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club to financially assist graduating seniors in Gallatin County, Montana, that will be seeking more education beyond high school. The GELC would like to recognize those students who have worked hard during their years in school, while also taking time to assist their community. Recipients of the Bob Hannon GELC Community Service Scholarship shall receive **\$1,500.00** to further their education. ***Three \$1,500.00 Scholarships will be awarded***, with one reserved for a qualified Bozeman High graduating senior, one for a Gallatin High senior, with the other reserved for a qualified senior in Gallatin County outside of Bozeman.

The general criteria to be used in the evaluation process are as follows:

- 1) participation in school and community activities;
- 2) grade point average as it relates to your overall curriculum;
- 3) financial need and other intangibles, including overcoming adversity; and
- 4) the quality in which you address and develop the items in this application.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, your completed Application must be received by **March 27, 2025**. You may mail or drop off your Application at the office of **Stuart Whitehair, 2123 Durston Road, Suite 17, Bozeman, Montana, 59718**. Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before **April 25, 2025**.

Questions concerning this application may be made by contacting Stuart Whitehair at 587-4200. Determination of the winners of the Robert “Bob” Hannon GELC Scholarship shall be made by members of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club.

ROBERT “BOB” HANNON

In 2024, after twenty years being named in honor of Scott McDonald, the Gallatin Empire Community Service Scholarship was re-named in honor of Robert “Bob” Hannon.

Bob was a member of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club for over 30 years, being named Lion of the Year on several occasions. As recognition for his decades of service, Bob was given the honor of being named a Lifetime Member of the GELC.

Bob was present at almost every Lions Club function, with a special love for all of the Club’s youth activities. Bob was ever-present at the GELC midget football practices and games, and was a fixture at midget basketball and the Club’s junior high track meets. In the first 25 years of the GELC Scholarship program, Bob helped review every scholarship application the Club received.

In addition, Bob was a strong voice for those most in need, reviewing hundreds of requests made to the Gallatin Empire Lions Club Foundation. Bob worked on recycling, the GELC eye-glass program, and especially enjoyed working the Snack Shack at the Stampede Rodeo with his family. Bob also put in many hours up at the the Hyalite Youth Camp, another GELC project.

Many will remember Bob as the long-time owner of the Baskin-Robbins store in Bozeman. In addition to working tirelessly on Lions Club programs, Bob was active in the community by volunteering for Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Service), the Saddle Club, Eagles Club, Elks Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Bob passed away in 2024, leaving an irreplaceable void in the Gallatin Empire Lions Club. His bright smile, kind heart, sparkling eyes and compassionate nature were not only a source of joy for all he met, but an inspiration for all who met him.

For all of the above, it was our pleasure to re-name the Gallatin Empire Lions Club Community Service Scholarship in Bob’s honor.





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APPLICATION

Please type or print in blue or black ink
(If extra space is needed, you may attach additional sheets, but please adhere to
the limitations as stated)

A. Student Data

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____

Contact Phone No. _____

B. College Data

Name of College or post-secondary school you plan to attend in Fall 2025.
(if undecided, please indicate what options you are pursuing):

Name of School: _____

Address (Where scholarship funds should be sent, if known):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Anticipated Enrollment Date: _____

C. Transcript

Please attach a copy of your latest school transcript.

D. Letters of Recommendation

Please attach one (1) Personal Reference letter (utilizing the form provided)

E. Description of Service to the Community

(Each response should be 100 words or less. You may provide answers on a separate sheet of paper)

1. Describe the community service(s) you have been involved in. Please estimate the time (per week/per month/per school year), you were engaged in these activities.
2. Describe the impact these services have had upon the community (individuals you have assisted; stories of how your involvement bettered the situation/family/environment your services were designed to help)
3. Describe what you feel you learned from your experiences, and any plans you may have to continue volunteering in the future.
4. Describe any adversity you may have overcome in achieving your goals, or any other intangible factors you would like the committee to consider.

F. Continuing Education Plans

(Your response should be 100 words or less. You may provide answers on a separate sheet of paper)

Describe your plans for the continuation of your education, including potential majors or career choices.

G. Individual Citizenship

(Your response should be 100 words or less. You may provide answers on a separate sheet of paper)

Identify those experiences and individuals which have had the greatest influence in your life. You may also describe how these experiences and individuals have inspired you toward your future goals.

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Completed Applications can be delivered to your high school guidance counselor or mailed to: Stuart Whitehair, 2123 Durston Road, Suite 17, Bozeman, Montana 59718.



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**PERSONAL REFERENCE FOR A
COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
CANDIDATE**

Thank you for taking the next few moments of your time to recommend
for consideration for the Robert “Bob” Hannon Gallatin Empire Lions Club
Community Service Scholarship. Criteria for selection of this award include the following:

- 1) participation in school and community activities,
- 2) grade point average as it relates to the candidate’s overall curriculum;
- 3) financial need and other intangibles, including overcoming adversity; and
- 4) the quality in which the candidate addresses and develops the items of their application.

Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions. (Answers can be provided on a separate sheet of paper):

1. How long have you know the candidate, and in what capacity (teacher, friend, employer, etc.)?

2. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate’s accomplishments in his/her life? Please address specific examples of activities at home, school, community, church, work, etc.

3. What is your knowledge of the candidate’s career plans? How would you evaluate their potential to achieve these plans?

4. What additional recommendations would you like to mention that you think the committee should know about the candidate (especially as they relate to the above criteria)?

Name Address

Date

Phone Number