

# GSL Area Scholarship Info Packet

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School

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**See pages 3-9 for Local scholarship application procedures!**

This is the time of the year to think about last minute details regarding graduation and your educational and vocational plans following graduation. There are still many details to take care of before graduation comes around.

1. Log onto your Infinite Campus account and check your credits on your transcript under the “Reports” tab. Continue to work hard in your current classes to ensure you meet the graduation requirements.
2. HOUSING- If you have not yet heard anything regarding residence hall arrangements - please contact the Housing Office at the school you will be attending to see when housing assignments will be made. In most cases, it is your responsibility to let the college know you are interested in on-campus housing. Off-campus housing is expected at technical, trade and community colleges.
- 3 . It is not too late to consider going on to school next year if you have not yet made final plans. If you are planning to attend a state college or university, the chances are very good that you will still get in; however, the schools cannot guarantee ON-CAMPUS HOUSING or FINANCIAL AID AWARDS for new applicants at this time. There are still many programs open at various technical colleges and trade schools. You may check in the Admissions Office regarding which specific schools have openings and when those openings will close.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Send in the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which qualifies the applicant for Federal Aid, and, if attending a Minnesota school, State Aid. Applications can be completed any time after December 1st. Then expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) which will determine Federal Aid eligibility in 3-4 weeks after submit the application. If you chose to complete a paper form of FAFSA you will need to request the form on the FAFSA website. I am quite confident that there will be significant levels of State and Federal monies available to students this year. Preliminary aid awarded letters may be received as early as April if your FAFSA was sent early. Final financial aid award will most likely be sent in March-May. Some of you have submitted your FAFSA for processing, but, it is not too late to do so. Also, some colleges have separate aid applications in addition to the FAFSA. Contact the institution’s Financial Aid Office for this separate aid application which is sometimes called an Institution Verification Form. (Unless it is mailed directly to your home address.) Separate aid applications are required in order to award campus based aid (Perkins Loan, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and Work-Study).

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE planning any type of postsecondary education or training to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and apply for financial aid.

NOTE: in Step Four: Releases and signatures on the 2024-25 FAFSA, you are asked to list the college name(s) and codes for those colleges listed. Because colleges package aid awards differently (for example --greater or lesser expectation for loan borrowing), it may be advantageous to list all colleges you have previously applied to and been accepted at-- a final decision regarding your chosen school could be postponed until sometime this spring after you compare aid award offers!!

## **2025-2026 APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

### **Federal Student Aid and Minnesota State Grant Program**

- \_\_\_ Complete a 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify for Federal Pell Grants, Supplemental Grants, Subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, Work study and State Grants.
- \_\_\_ The U. S. Department of Education will send information from the FAFSA to the state agency for Minnesota colleges to determine state aid awards.
- \_\_\_ Only Minnesota schools are eligible to participate in the State Grant program. To apply for a State Grant, you must list at least one Minnesota school in Step Four of the FAFSA.
- \_\_\_ Submit your 2025-26 FAFSA for consideration for Federal and State Aid. It is your advantage to apply early so an aid award can be determined in time for fall term. Check on your individual school's financial aid priority deadline. For most schools, submit FAFSA no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup> for priority consideration for all types of aid you may qualify for.
- \_\_\_ If possible, provide only data from completed tax forms. Incorrect or estimated data may cause a delay in your application.
- \_\_\_ Make sure you provided the correct social security number on the FAFSA. An incorrect number will delay processing of applications for both you and the other applicant whose number you mistakenly used. Both applicants would be required to submit copies of social security cards.
- \_\_\_ Double check your zip code. A blank or inaccurate zip code may cause your award notification letter to be lost in the mail.
- \_\_\_ Make a copy of your tax forms and financial aid applications for your own records. You may have to refer to them later. Approximately 20% of applicants get selected in a process called "verification" which requires providing proof of information supplied on the 2025-26 FAFSA, usually by filling out the institution verification form sent to you by the school and attaching copies of federal tax returns and W-2's. Some schools verify all of their applicants, usually smaller schools.
- \_\_\_ Promptly, respond to any letters sent from Federal Student Aid program, your school or the state agency. Keep a copy of letters you received for your own records.
- \_\_\_ Some schools require a separate aid application form as well.
- \_\_\_ All information on the FAFSA for determining your aid eligibility is sent electronically to the school you released to in Step Four. Most corrections to the SAR, part 2, can be done "electronically" by simply calling the financial aid office or if completing the FAFSA on-line, you can make corrections to your file by following instructions.

If you have questions on how to apply for financial aid, see your high school guidance counselor or the financial aid officer at the school you plan to attend. If you have questions on your financial aid awards, contact the financial aid office at your college.

## FINANCIAL NEED AWARDS

In most cases your financial aid award will include an expectation that you borrow from the Direct Subsidized or Direct Unsubsidized Loan Program. It takes about 8-12 weeks for the loan to be processed, so I recommend that you start the process as soon as a determination is made (indicated in the preliminary award letter received from the institution's Financial Aid Office) regarding your loan amount eligibility. You must fill out a FAFSA to determine if you qualify for a Direct Subsidized or Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

The steps to follow are:

1. The Financial Aid Office will indicate the amount of the Direct Subsidized or Direct Unsubsidized Loan (up to a maximum of \$5,500 for entering Freshman) that you qualify for; the Financial Aid Office will send you an application form/promissory note in order to begin the process of applying for a Direct Subsidized or Direct Unsubsidized Loan to be distributed through the institution's Business Office. Subsidized loans are preferable because while attending school the federal government will pay the interest on your loan. The American Opportunity credit, which replaced the HOPE credit, equals 100 percent of the first \$2,000 of qualified expenses (tuition, fees required for enrollment, and required course materials), and 25 percent of the next \$2,000 of qualified expenses. The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit is not available when: The taxpayer claimed the American Opportunity Tax Credit during the same tax year. The taxpayer pays for college expenses for someone who is not a dependent. The taxpayer files federal income tax returns as married filing separately.
2. You will have to find your own lender or the Financial Aid Office will suggest a list of possible lenders for your loans.

The financial aid office will ask you to accept or reject some or the entire proposed award for the 2025-26 academic year. You must respond by the deadline indicated on the response form or risk losing aid!

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## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE: Most local scholarships are selected by the organizations' selection committees, **NOT** by the school.

Seniors planning to attend college or technical college next fall have several local scholarships they may apply for. All local scholarship criterion is listed on the following pages. **The applications will be available December 20, 2024 on the GSL website [www.lgsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.lgsl.k12.mn.us) Click on Our Schools/GSL HS/Counselors Corner/Scholarships/local scholarship applications.**

**NOTE: Don't hesitate to apply - - in some cases, we had less applicants than scholarships.**

Many of the applications are similar, but because there are different selection committees, it is necessary to complete a separate application for each scholarship. Please observe the following points in completing the applications:

1. **Be NEAT** - - type or use ink
2. Be careful about spelling
3. The application is the only contact you have with the selection committees - convey the best message you can.
4. Please observe the application deadline. (Some applications have different deadlines)
5. Staple application, so all forms stay together **(No paper clips or manila envelopes)**

**The application DEADLINE is Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 8:00 AM**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS**

Completed applications get turned into Mrs. Templin in the HS Counseling Office unless an address is provided on the application. It is your responsibility to mail those applications.

*Please make sure applications that require transcripts or additional information are stapled (no paper clips or manila envelopes) to the application so that they are not separated from your application.*

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## **American Legion Scholarships**

### **BROWNTON**

Must have a Brownton address and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **GLENCOE**

The Glencoe American Legion will award scholarships to members of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

#### ***Eligibility requirements:***

1. A member of the senior class **planning to attend** and **accepted** into a **2 year** program (2-year preferred but not limited to)
2. The student must be of good character and have a record of good citizenship.

### **PLATO**

The Plato American Legion will award scholarships to members with a Plato address.

- The applicant must be accepted by an institution of higher learning.
- The applicant shall display evidence of loyalty, leadership and community involvement as characterized by the American Legion.
- If no qualified applications are received from the Plato area then any student graduating from the surrounding area will be accepted.
- The scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of attendance.

### **SILVER LAKE**

A member of the current senior class.

**Preference will be given to students from the Silver Lake area**

### **SILVER LAKE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

See application for qualifying criteria.

**Deadline: March 1st. Mail application to address provided on application.**

### **BROWNTON BRUINS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Brownton Bruins would like to offer a scholarship to a graduating student that is currently active in baseball or softball and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **BONGARDS’ COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a GSL student. Priority will be placed on applicants who come from an agriculture background and/or who plans to pursue a career in agriculture, food manufacturing or a business-related field.

**Mail application to address provided on application.**

### **CHARTWELLS DINING SCHOLARSHIP**

Chartwells Dining Service is offering two \$500 scholarships to the current graduating class.

### **CLAYTON HOESE MEMORIAL**

The qualifications to receive this scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be a graduating senior planning to attend a 4-year college or 2-year community college
2. Must have maintained a “C” average
3. Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded annually.

### **CORTRUST STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

CorTrust Bank will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduating from GSL
- Preference given to those showing financial need who demonstrate leadership and fortitude
- GPA of 3.0 and above

**Deadline:** Mail application to address provided on application.

### **DELORES M. ERVIN SCHOLARSHIP**

- Must be a resident of the former McLeod West School District
- Must apply within five years of graduation date
- Must be going into a healthcare related field

**Deadline:** April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **DOMINION CARES SCHOLARSHIP**

Dominion Cares will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to the current graduating class. This scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a career in the nursing or medical field. Preference will be to a student entering into a Nursing program. A 2 or 4-year degree will qualify.

### **FLORENCE A. ALLEN TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a member of the current graduating class planning to become a school teacher. **These funds will be released once you have completed your sophomore year and have registered for your junior year in the teaching program. If you change your degree from teaching you will forfeit this scholarship.**

1. Must be accepted at a 4-year college
2. Must show evidence of extra-curricular participation.
3. Must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 (B) or higher.
4. **If recipient student does not pursue a teaching degree the scholarship will be awarded to the next qualifying candidate.**

### **GRH SANKEN-HATZ SCHOLARSHIP**

For students entering the medical field. Application and list of approved careers are available on the Glencoe Regional Health website. **This application is sent directly to GRH.**

Website: [www.grhsonline.org](http://www.grhsonline.org)

Select “Community Impact”

On the left-hand side click on “GRH Foundation”

Click on scholarship in the second paragraph.

Deadline available at GRH website

### **GLADYS SEVERTSON**

A scholarship will be awarded in memory of Gladys Severtson by her family. This is open to a female member of the graduating class.

### **GLENCOE CAR AND BIKE SHOW SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student going to a 2-year trade program. Preference will be given to students pursuing but not limited to an automotive trade. Other qualifying trades would include welding, construction trades and computer related fields.

Criteria is as follows:

1. Must have a cum GPA of 2.66
2. Must be pursuing a qualifying trade. Suggestion: When in doubt complete the application.

### **GLENCOE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors. Applicants are required to submit an essay including their career goals and plans to achieve those goals, examples of what they've done to make the community a better place, and share their achievements and how they overcame challenges to reach them.

### **GLENCOE –SILVER LAKE EDUCATION MINNESOTA SCHOLARSHIP**

The GSL teacher's union would like to award two (2) \$200 scholarships to a high school senior planning to attend a college to become a teacher.

The Criteria is as follows:

1. Must have a cum GPA of 3.00 (B) or higher
2. Monies will be dispersed once one official term of college is completed with satisfactory grades.

### **WILBERT HAHN BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarships will be awarded to members of the graduating class furthering their education in an Ag related field. Including areas in Agribusiness, Natural Resources, Animal Science, Plant Systems, Food Processing Systems, Environmental Systems, Biotechnology, Power Structural and Technical Systems, and many more.

### **HAMBURG HUNT/FISHING SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to a GSL student who:

1. Has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Plans to attend a 4-year school and major in wildlife, Biology or conservation related major fields.

**These funds will be released once your four-year major is completed.**

**Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mail application to address provided on application.**

### **INVESTED IN AGRICULTURE**

The qualifications to receive this scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be furthering education in an agricultural program
2. Must maintain a 2.8 GPA or higher through the fall of the fall semester of post secondary education.

### **JANET HOESE MEMORIAL**

The qualifications to receive this scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be a graduating senior planning to attend a 4-year college or 2-year community college
2. Must have maintained a "C" average
3. Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded annually.

#### **CLASS OF 49' NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

The Class of 1949 would like to offer a scholarship to a student furthering their education in the nursing field.

#### **CLASS OF 49' TRADES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Class of 1949 would like to offer a scholarship to a student furthering their education in a trades field.

#### **JIM ZASKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The family of Mr. Zaske would like to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to students furthering their education in a field related to science. This includes a degree in areas such as but not limited to medical, education, engineering, environmental science, forensic, etc.

#### **L.V. OLSON MEMORIAL BAND SCHOLARSHIP**

An annual award to a GSL student who has made *an outstanding contribution to the GSL band program* and plans to participate in a college music ensemble while continuing his/her education at an institution of higher education.

#### **LIONS CLUBS-GLENCOE AND SILVER LAKE AREA**

The Lions from Brownton, Glencoe, Plato, New Auburn and Silver Lake plan to award a number of scholarships to students planning to further their post-secondary education.

**New Auburn Lions** – Must be from Sibley East or Glencoe-Silver Lake school district. **Mail application to address provided on application.**

**Brownton Lions Scholarship** - MUST BE LEGIBLE OR WILL BE DISCARDED. Must live in former Brownton School District to be eligible. **Mail application to address provided on application.**

**Glencoe Lions Scholarship** - MUST BE LEGIBLE OR WILL BE DISCARDED

**Plato Lions**-Must live in the Plato zip code area. Mail application to address listed on application.

**Silver Lake Lions** - MUST BE LEGIBLE OR WILL BE DISCARDED

**Hamburg Lions** - Must be a member or have a relative that is a member of the Hamburg Lions or a Leo in a neighboring community. **Mail application to address provided on application.**

#### **MARTY KLOCKMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Power Pull Nationals will be awarding a \$750 scholarships to a member of the graduating class that is specializing in an agricultural degree. Applicant must be a resident of the Glencoe School District.

#### **MINNESOTA FISH & WILDLIFE ALLIANCE**

A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who:

1. Has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Plans to attend a 4-year school and major in wildlife, Biology or conservation related major fields.

**These funds will be released once your four-year major is completed**

#### **MIKE POPELKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a member of the current graduating class who meet the following qualifications:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 2.33
2. Who are entering the field of Auto Body Technician, Business Management, Construction Management, or Wildlife Management

### **NEW AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must live in the New Auburn Fire District.

**Deadline: February 11<sup>th</sup>. Mail application to address provided on application.**

### **NUVERA /R.T. RODENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

\$500 will be awarded to a member of the current graduating class who meets the following criteria:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
2. Attending a post-secondary institution next year
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities for one year or more

### **PLATO FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

A scholarship will be awarded to a member of the current graduating class who meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be a dependent child of a resident of the Plato Fire District
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
3. Must be enrolling in an institution of higher education (vocational school, college or university, etc.)

**Please have the section that needs to be completed by officer personal completed prior to turning your application in.**

### **RICKERT EXCAVATING CDL SCHOLARSHIP**

Rickert Excavating is offering a \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing a CDL and a career in the construction industry.

### **ROTARY STRIVE-GLENCOE**

The Rotary Club of Glencoe will offer a total of \$1000 in scholarships to deserving members of the current graduating class who have demonstrated their commitment during their senior year to improve academically, attendance and appropriate behavior at GSL.

### **SENECA FOODS CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Seneca will offer a \$500 scholarship to the graduating class.

Qualifications are as follows:

1. Be a graduating Senior and attained at least a "C" average (2.6GPA)
2. Be of good character
3. Be accepted by a 2 or 4 year college, university or technical college

**Deadline: February 13<sup>th</sup>. Mail application to address provided on application.**

### **SILVER LAKE SPORTSMENS'S CLUB**

This scholarship will be awarded to two students accepted by a 2 or 4-year college, university or technical college may apply.

### **SLS TAX, ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a member of the current graduating class who meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be going into Accounting or Finance
2. Accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college

### **STARKEY HEARING TECHNOLOGIES**

Starkey Labs will award three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating GSL Seniors.

1. Accepted at a 2-year or 4-year college
2. Must have a 3.0 (B) average or higher
3. Must major in Engineering, Audiology, Accounting, Business, Computer, Machine Tool Trade or Electronics

### **STEVENS SEMINARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**



#### **Four Year College/University Programs**

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible members of the current graduating class who will be attending a four-year public or private college/university. The exact amount and number of scholarships is determined each year by the committee. ***Be sure to include your GPA and Rank. ACT score is optional. Please attach a transcript.***

1. Must have a 3.00 GPA average or higher and ACT
2. Must be of good character and have leadership qualities.
3. Preference given, but not limited to, students majoring in the education field.

#### **STEVENS SEMINARY/TEWS VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible members of the current graduating class who will be attending an accredited one to two year vocational or technical program. The exact amount and number of scholarships is determined each year by the committee. ***Be sure to include your GPA/Rank on the application and attach a transcript.***

#### **TAYLOR MARIE LEPEL MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded in memory of Taylor Marie Lepel by her parents. This is open to any member of the graduating class pursuing post-secondary education in 2 or 4 year program. Please be sure to answer the (3) three questions in the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

#### **TED DAMASK SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who not only has academic achievement and is involved in school activities but is involved in community service and activities in church and civic affairs. To apply for this scholarship, you must live in what was previously known as the Brownton school district or have been a former McLeod West student.

#### **GLENCOE V.F.W. POST #5102**

The Glencoe V.F.W. Post #5102 will award a scholarship to member of the current graduating class. The applicant must meet the following guidelines.

1. Be accepted into a **2-year program** (2 year preferred but not limited to)
2. Be a current high school senior
3. Good work and study habits
4. Maintain at least a "C" average (2.00 or better)