

GATEWAY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY APPLICATION AND PARAMETERS
For
THE GEA SCHOLARSHIP I and II

In addition to the standard local scholarship application procedure, students applying for **THE GATEWAY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** must complete this application.

An essay not to exceed 500 words double spaced, 12 point font must accompany this application. The applicant also agrees that all essays become the property of the Gateway Education Association and may be used by the association for any purpose deemed appropriate by the association. This release form must be signed and attached to the essay upon submission.

Address the topic:

*DISCUSS THE TEACHER OR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT PROVIDED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE.

I _____ give my permission to the Gateway Education Association to use the attached essay for any purpose the association deems appropriate without compensation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Due to Mrs. Hershberger in Room 2220 by Friday, April 7th

GEA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

I. Introduction:

The Gateway Education Association (GEA) funds scholarships for the intent to aid students in furthering their education. The GEA now offers two scholarships with each award set at \$1,500.00.

II. Common Criteria for all GEA Scholarships:

- a. Student must be a graduating senior from Gateway High School.
- b. Student must be planning to further their education.
 - i. Accredited four year institution of higher learning.
 - ii. Bachelor Degree program designed for transfer to a Bachelor Degree program at a granting college.
- c. Candidate must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- d. Candidate completes an essay (See Section VI).

III. The GEA Scholarship I:

- a. Given to graduating senior who is the daughter or son of a GEA member.
- b. If there is no eligible applicant, the GEA Scholarship will be awarded to the third highest applicant under Section IV.
- c. This scholarship is to be determined prior to the GEA Scholarship II. Unsuccessful applicants for the GEA Scholarship I become eligible for the second award.

IV. The GEA Scholarship II:

- a. Open to all graduating Gateway seniors.
- b. Candidate intends to enter the field of education.
- c. In case of a tie, preference given to a GEA member's son or daughter.

V. Application:

The standard local scholarship application form issued by the Gateway High School Counseling Department will be properly filled out and submitted.

VI. Essay: (See Rubric)

ESSAY SCORING for GEA SCHOLARSHIP

1. **Title: "Discuss the teacher or educational experience which provided the most significant impact on your life."**

2. Format: 500 words or less (Typed, double spaced, 12 point font)

3. General Instructions: The essay value will be scored in the range of 0-10 using the rubric provided.

The essay values from each committee member will be totaled and averaged. The top score will be the winner. In the event of a tie:

- a. GEA member's son or daughter will be the winner.
- b. If no GEA associated candidate is available, the winner will be the candidate with the highest initial GPA.

4. Essay Rubric:

- a. Mechanics: 0-3
 - i. Is the essay free of spelling and punctuation errors?
- b. Support of the Essay Topic: 0-5
 - i. Does the essay focus on the topic?
 - ii. Are there clear and supportive statements adhering to the topic?
 - iii. Does the reasoning presented make sense?
 - iv. Is there a conclusion which brings the essay to an intelligent and logical end?
- c. Overall Impression: 0-2
 - i. Does the essay demonstrate organization, effort, and clarity?
 - ii. Does the essay exhibit sincerity?