

2021 Gorka Memorial Scholarship

The Gorka Memorial Scholarship was created to honor a remarkable young woman who graduated from Stafford High School in 1987. Karen Gorka represented Stafford as an athlete, a thespian, a cheerleader and a student leader. In 2006, Karen lost a very hard-fought battle with cancer.

Two years later, Cindi Gorka, her mother and Stafford High School's first counselor also died of cancer. To recognize all that Karen and Cindi did to generate school pride and serve the community, Stafford alumni, family and friends are looking for a graduating senior who emulates Karen's values and is also committed to a life of good works.

If you are a proud Spartan, tell us what you have done to serve your school, to serve the greater community and how you intend to make a difference in the world after graduation. Show us that you are worthy of this recognition and you could receive up to \$1000 to use to continue your education beyond high school.

The Gorka Memorial Scholarship is one of several awards administered through the Stafford Municipal School District Education Foundation. Award recipients must meet the Foundation requirements which include enrollment confirmation in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited 2 or 4-year public or private college, university, or technical/trade school.

Eligibility

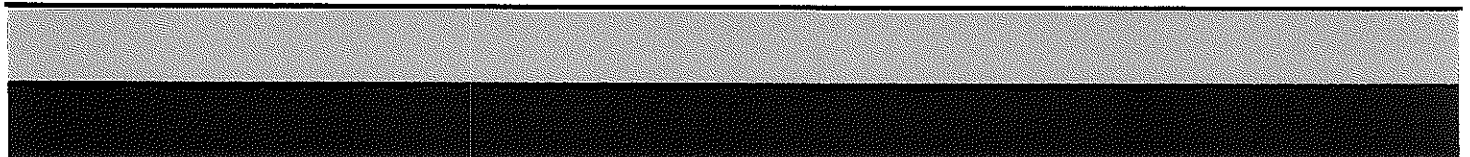
The scholarship applicant must:

- Be a Stafford high school 2021 graduate; be continuously enrolled in SMSD as a full-time student for four (4) semesters preceding graduation;
- Plan to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited 2 or 4-year public or private college, university, or technical/trade school; and
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 at the time of application submission.

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Application

Interested students must complete and submit the following items:

- ☐ SMSD Education Foundation application form
- ☐ A list of any other scholarships (pending and/or received)
- ☐ A one-page personal resume
- ☐ Two appraisal forms – one to attest to school involvement and one to attest to community involvement
- ☐ An essay describing what you have done in the past and will do in the future to help make Stafford a better community, thus continuing the legacy of our friends Karen and Cindi
- ☐ A current SHS official transcript

Submission

Applications and all pertinent materials must be submitted by mail to or hand deliver:

Gorka Memorial Scholarship
Stafford Municipal School District
100 Spartan Drive – Stafford High School
Stafford, TX 77477

HAND DELIVER: Mrs. Roberts, Library room H102

Applications must be received by Friday, April 16, 2021

Any incomplete applications or applications received in the Post Office box after the deadline will not be evaluated. All information received becomes the property of the SMSD Education Foundation, is considered confidential and will be reviewed only by the selection team.

The decision of the selection team is final. Award recipient(s) will be notified by mail.

Additional information

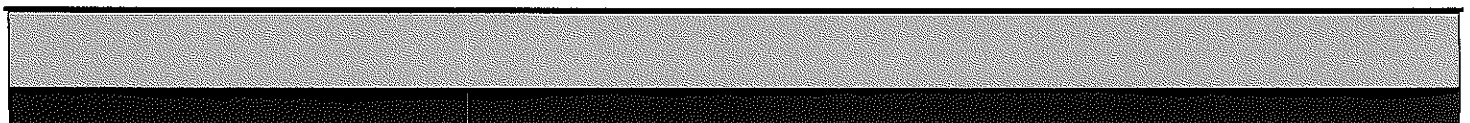
Questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed to Dennis Gorka at Gorka_d@msn.com.

The mission of the Stafford MSD Education Foundation is to increase educational opportunities for Stafford MSD students through grants and scholarships generated by partnerships with educators, parents, community members, businesses, and civic leaders committed to bridging the distance between needs and resources. SMSD Education Foundation awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

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Application deadline Wed., March 31, 2021

For Scholarship Committee Use Only

Applicant's No. _____

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES IN BLACK INK ONLY
Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Permanent Physical Home Address

City

Zip

Post Office Box (if applicable)

City

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Mark one: United States Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Permanent Physical Home Address

City

Zip

Day Phone

Cell Phone

Other Phone:

Relationship to Applicant

Email Address

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

List the postsecondary school you plan to attend. Use official school names, no abbreviations. If school choice is undecided, indicate the schools to which you have applied.

Name of School:

City

State

☐ 4-year College or University

☐ 2-year Community or Junior College

☐ Technical School

Name of school

City

State

☐ 4-year College or University

☐ 2-year Community or Junior College

☐ Technical School

Major or Course of Study

Degree Sought

☐ Bachelor

☐ Associate

☐ Other

CERTIFICATION

The Stafford MSD Scholarship Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting the recipient based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. This application becomes the property of Stafford MSD Education Foundation. Please keep a copy for your files.

I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information submitted with this application. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

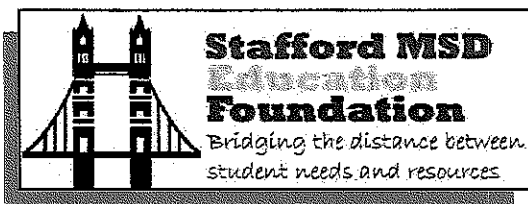
☐ My non-custodian parent is no longer legally responsible (or has failed) to help contribute to my financial needs.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date



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APPLICANT APPRAISAL

Directions: This objective appraisal is a key component of evaluating your application. The form needs to be completed by a person outside of your family who is knowledgeable of your character. Only one of the two required appraisals may be completed by school personnel.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

AA

Appraiser: Please supply the requested information in support of this application. When complete, please return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Applicant: If this section is not completed, the score earned by your application will be impacted.

Please include additional comments in the area provided or on the back of this paper.

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary education program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments:

Appraiser's Name

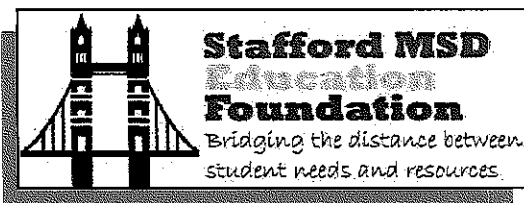
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Appraiser's Name

Title

Telephone

Signature

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SAMPLE RESUME

Billy Bob Smith

10568 Jones Road
Bbsmith1@gmail.com

Anywhere, USA 89891
281-555-5555 cell phone

Objective: Seeking part-time employment working with animals. Long-term objective is to pursue a career in Veterinary Science after completing college.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Taco Bell

2016 – present

Cashier

- Receive payment by cash, check, credit cards, vouchers, or automatic debits.
- Answer customers' questions and provide information on procedures or policies.
- Help customers find the location of products.
- Issue receipts, refunds, credits, or change due to customers.
- Greet customers entering establishments.

Dillard's

2016 – 2018

Sales Associate

- Greeted customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs.
- Recommended, selected, and help locate or obtain merchandise based on customer needs and desires.
- Computed sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash or credit payment.
- Prepared merchandise for purchase or rental.
- Answered questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

ORGANIZATIONS

Jones FAA, Reporter

2003 – 2004

Jones FAA, Treasurer

2004 – 2005

Jones FAA, Vice-President

2005 – 2006

National Honor Society

2001 – 2004

Chest Club, Secretary

2001 – 2004

EXTRACURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Barn Workday

Fundraisers

Stadium Clean-up

Feeding the homeless

Programs Sales

FAA Food Drive

Blood Drive

Hurricane Relief Drive

EDUCATION

Stafford High School, Class of 2021

Stafford, Texas