

Greensboro Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association Scholarship Application

Criteria are attached – incomplete applications will not be considered

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the GHS A&F Scholarship Committee

Scholarships available include:

Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association Scholarship
Class of 1956 Scholarship
Melvin G. Coleman Memorial Scholarship
The Passion Project Scholarship

Lester Gross Memorial Scholarship
David V. Reader, Sr. Scholarship
Coach Cedric Cokely Scholarship
Leone Family Scholarship

Applicant Name: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age Today: _____ Circle years attending GHS: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Where have you applied for college/university: _____

If you have an intended major or degree program, please list it: _____

If you have accepted any scholarship monies from one or more of the institution you plan to attend, please list names and amounts here: _____

IMPORTANT

** If you have financial need, please attach a separate sheet of paper to explain your circumstances and the extent of your need.

** Please attach your resume. (10 point or higher font – one page maximum – second pages will be discarded)

** Be sure to include all applicable paperwork listed on the GHS A&F Scholarship Criteria for any scholarship for which you wish to be considered. You can be considered for more than one!

**Scholarship applications are due to the GHS Counseling Center Office (if possible)
OR emailed to mail@whirlies.com no later than Friday March 4, 2022.
Applications received past this deadline will not be considered. Misrepresentation
will cause an application to be discarded and the interview cancelled.**

Your signature below will allow the GHS Counseling Office to give the Scholarship Committee a copy of your transcript and also indicates your acceptance of the terms of scholarships as listed on the criteria sheet. An interview will be required and will occur during school hours or via electronic means, for example, ZOOM.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Greensboro Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association

Checklist Spring 2021

Applications are available through the GHS Counseling Center

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OR emailed to mail@whirlies.com no later than Friday March 19, 2021.**

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- 1) Applicant must be a senior enrolled at Grimsley High School full time.
- 2) Applicant must have been enrolled at Grimsley for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 3) Pay close attention to the **criteria** for each scholarship. Read the provided scholarship interview suggestions from the GHS A&F Scholarship Committee. (attached)
- 4) Ten minute interview (face-to-face or via ZOOM) with the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee (during the school day) is required. (This usually occurs during mid-to-late April and the applicant will be notified) See interview suggestions attached.
- 5) Business / Professional attire (not casual) will be appropriate for the interview. See interview suggestions attached. A photo of the candidate will be taken just prior to the interview, if possible.
- 6) All scholarships named on the application are non-renewable.
- 7) Recipients will be announced in late May, typically at Senior Awards Day.
- 8) A single payment will be made to the institution in which you enroll post Grimsley. Recipients must provide Alumni Association Treasurer (Mrs. Susan Gentry, susancgentry@bellsouth.net) with all information needed to make payment to the college or university.

We're looking forward to meeting you!

Congratulations on your impending status as a member of the
Grimsley High School Alumni Family.....the best of the best!

Questions? Email mail@whirlies.com

Greensboro Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association

General Scholarship Interview Suggestions

The GHS A&F Association is always available to assist Grimsley Whirlies. Part of that support comes in the form of preparing future alumni with guidelines for future interviews, be it ours for a scholarship, college interviews or future job interviews. Here are a few tips and suggestions as you move into the world of interviewing.

- 1) Do your homework. Read carefully the criteria for the scholarship/job you are seeking to be certain you have the qualifications required. Start early and complete paperwork portions early – then you'll be able to focus on the interview portion. Waiting until the last minute only makes you and everyone else anxious – and it shows.
- 2) Make your own checklist or use a provided checklist to be sure you have EVERYTHING necessary and/or required before you submit your application. For many organizations, not submitting any portion is an automatic disqualification. If you are competing for consideration, failing to submit information is really wasting the interview team's time. Not a good start! Never misrepresent yourself!
- 3) Dress appropriately. Dress cleanly and neatly....in most cases a tucked in shirt, belt, clean pressed pants, clean shoes, and tie are appropriate. Also, clean shirt, dress pants/pantsuit or skirt with clean closed-toed shoes is also appropriate. Hair clean and neat, hands clean and well groomed, little jewelry if any are all safe bets. Make a positive impression with the interview committee. Your clothes don't have to be expensive, just clean and neat.
- 4) Be on time. Arrive 10 minutes early and review your application. Oftentimes the questions you may be asked will be related to your resume and/or the answers you have given on your application or accompanying documentation.
- 5) Act professionally, but be yourself. It is a good idea to give a confident handshake, make eye contact, state your name with confidence, be positive and optimistic and thank the interviewers for their time. Think before you speak. It is best not to display a poor attitude or speak negatively about anything. Practice interview questions with a parent or friend.

It is important to keep it professional, but don't be afraid to have fun with your scholarship interview! The Scholarship Committee has already seen your application, supplementary materials and transcripts – now it's your chance to show them who you are beyond that.

You should, however, avoid rattling off a laundry list of accomplishments and awards. Instead, use something personal to give the interviewers insight into who you really are and why you would be the best choice for the scholarship, job or award.

Don't be afraid to ask questions during the interview process. Inquire about the donor sponsoring the scholarship or ask particulars about the scholarship itself. Being able to engage the interviewers with questions of your own shows that you are prepared and comfortable, and highlights your interest in the scholarship award and in your ultimate post GHS career. With a little bit of practice, you'll be able to handle just about any question thrown at you.

6) Sample questions you MAY be asked at this interview or future interviews:

Tell us about yourself?

What is your biggest weakness? What is your greatest strength?

What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Give an example of a time you overcame adversity?

Aside from high school activities, how do you impact your community?

How do you feel you fit the criteria of this scholarship or job?

Post Grimsley, what are your plans?

Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?

What would you tell future Whirlies about your experiences at Grimsley?

Do you have a favorite or most impactful teacher at Grimsley – who would that be and why?

Do you have any questions for the interview committee?

7) Keep your answers concise and to the point and offer more details than one-word responses. If you don't understand a question or didn't hear it, you should not be afraid to ask to have it rephrased or repeated. Most importantly, be honest and positive in all your answers.

8) Always write a thank you note by hand (for the interview and the scholarship). You never know who on the Scholarship Committee you are impressing and where that impression might lead you in the future. It's just plain good manners to write a thank you note. Make it short and to the point. Address: Greensboro Grimsley High School Alumni and Friends Association, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 4241, Greensboro, NC 27404.



**Grimsley H.S. Alumni and Friends Association Scholarships Criteria
Spring 2021**

Alumni Association Scholarship(s), minimum of 3, up to \$ 2500.00 each will be given for one year.

- 1) At least one scholarship will be based primarily on need
- 2) Academic achievement
- 3) Contributions to Grimsley
- 4) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator who addresses the student's character

Lester Gross Memorial Scholarship - \$ 1500.00 for one year

- 1) Participation in music and athletics preferred
- 2) School spirited – Passionate and positive
- 3) 2.0 or better GPA
- 4) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator who addresses the student's character

Class of 1956 Scholarship - \$ 2000.00 towards tuition or books for one year

- 1) GPA 3.0 +
- 2) Leadership in school or community
- 3) Must have taken Honors, AP, or IB courses
- 4) Good citizen
- 5) Applicant may not have accepted \$ 1500 in other scholarship offers
- 6) Preference to student with financial need
- 7) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator who addresses the student's character

Melvin G. Coleman Memorial Scholarship - \$ 1000.00 for one year

- 1) Cross Country, track, or swimming letter winner preferred
- 2) School spirited

- 3) Financial need a factor
- 4) 3.0 + GPA and AP, IB, or Honors courses required
- 5) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator who addresses the student's character

David V. Reader, Sr. Memorial Scholarship(s) up to \$ 3000.00 for one year

- 1) Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better
- 2) Honors or AP/IB courses
- 3) Must be a NCHSAA eligible athlete with at least two years of participation
- 4) Attach a letter of recommendation supporting your positive attitude from a coach or teacher
- 5) Must be school spirited

The Passion Project Scholarship - \$500.00 for one year

- 1) In 500 words or less, describe how you have explored your passion in high school, how you will pursue it in your higher education and how your passion has positively affected your life
- 2) Suggested - but optional - submit a video, song, piece of artwork, photographs, etc. that illustrates your passion
- 3) Demonstrated financial need
- 4) Preference given to single parent home
- 5) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator that addresses the student's character

Coach Cedric Cokely Scholarship - \$ 500.00 for one year

- 1) Graduating senior with a specific learning disability or health impairment who demonstrates the qualities of leadership, loyalty and service
- 2) Student must submit independently or with the assistance of a teacher or parent a statement or visual presentation that describes why he or she meets the criteria for the scholarship and how the funds will be used for further education
- 3) Student must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator who addresses the student's character

Leone Family Scholarship - \$ 1500.00 for one year

- 1) Varsity athlete for at least two years, preferably football or basketball, who has not received a full athletic grant-in-aid from a college or university
- 2) GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 3) Must provide letter of recommendation from the Grimsley head coach of your sport confirming your character, spirit and attitude

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