



THE GORDON ATWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Gordon Atwell died in 2003 and bequeathed monies to the Ithaca Elks Lodge # 636 to fund a scholarship in his name. Gordon was a life-long Tompkins County resident, and had been a member of the Elks fraternal organization for many years. He wanted to make funds available to graduating seniors from Tompkins County area high schools in the form of a scholarship.

Gordon Atwell also served his community well and was the Exalted Ruler of our lodge in 2000-2001. In that capacity he worked with many of our youth initiatives, including our Youth and Education Awards Night, and other scholarship programs. These programs meant a lot to Gordon and he wanted to see area youth benefit from a college education.

Mr. Atwell requested that these monies go to a deserving student who has shown high academic merit and can demonstrate the need for financial aid.

We are proud to carry out Brother Atwell's wishes by creating the **Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship**, a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship.

Student Packet

Gordon Atwell Scholarship

Congratulations. You have been nominated to apply for the Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship. This is a one time, \$1000 scholarship given out by the Ithaca Elks Lodge #636 for students enrolling in 4 year colleges on a full time basis for the fall of 2009 (no deferrals allowed).

Instructions

1. **Applicant and Parent(s)** – Complete all 4 sections of application and include appropriate signatures. ***Student must fill out Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the application.*** Parents will complete their portion of Part 3, and Part 4.
2. **Applicant** – please include a copy of your high school transcript as well as copies of your SAT or ACT scores.
3. **Applicant** – Please write (typed or neatly written, 1 page max) a letter addressing the following:
 - a. the 4- year college you are enrolling in for the fall semester 2009, and the program of study you will be taking.
 - b. describe an experience or event that has played a role in the academic path you have chosen and how it has (or could) impact your educational goals.
4. **Parental Support Letter** – Parent(s) please submit a 1 page max letter (typed or neatly written) to support your child’s application. You may include additional financial information here if you feel it is important
5. **Faculty Letter of Recommendation** – Applicants, please have a faculty (or staff) member from your current school write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Give the “Faculty Instruction Sheet” to your faculty member.
6. ***To be considered, please submit all of the above by May 22, 2009 to:***

**Scholarship Committee
Elks Lodge # 636
124 Coddington Road
Ithaca, New York 14850**

Questions? Dave Wohlhueter, Scholarship Chair: 273-5891

-APPLICANT ACTIVITY PROFILE-

Tell us about yourself!

Section 2

Please indicate any school extra curricular activities (indicate year) such as Band, Sports, Clubs, etc. List only major activities.

High School _____

College _____

List Honors and Awards (including any Honors / AP Courses taken)

High School _____

College _____

Offices held in class or school organizations

High School _____

College _____

Civic Activities (community, church, volunteerism, awards, etc.)

-APPLICANTS FINANCIAL DATA-

Section 3

Employment History (tell us about any employment, times of employment, job duties, average number of hours worked weekly, earnings and savings: _____)

Total personal savings from all sources: \$ _____

List any and all sources of financial aid you have applied for : _____

Have you received any scholarships or financial aid (or have reason to believe you will receive any scholarships or financial aid)? If so, list them here with dollar amounts: _____

PARENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

Father or Stepfather Name _____ Age _____ Employer _____
(circle one)

Mother or Stepmother Name _____ Age _____ Employer _____
(circle one)

Parent's <u>Marital</u> status (circle one)	Mother	<i>Married</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Remarried*</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
	Father	<i>Married</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Remarried*</i>	<i>Deceased</i>

***Financial need is based on the household income where the student resides.** Custodial Parent: If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions for the parent that you lived with most of the last 12 months. For example, if you lived with your mother more than with your father, you would count your mother. If you lived with both parents on an equal basis, you would count the parent whom you believed contributed the most to your support, both financially and materially. Material items could be such things as a car, clothing, medical and dental payments, etc.. If a parent has remarried, you must also include that step-parents information. Note: Wherever the word "parent" is used, it also means "step-parent". The following information is based on the household income where student primarily resides.

Fathers (stepfathers) Income	2008 annual income from work	\$ _____ (A)
Mother (stepmothers) Income	2008 annual income from work	\$ _____ (B)
Other taxable income from parent(s)	2008 IRS 1040 (all schedules)	\$ _____ (C)
Parent(s) adjusted gross income (AGI)*	2008 IRS 1040 line 37	\$ _____ (D)

*(If parent(s) have not yet filed their 2008 income tax return, they must **estimate** their AGI for 2008)

ITHACA ELK'S LODGE # 636

Faculty / Staff recommendation letter

Dear Faculty / Staff member,

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation or support for a student who has been nominated for our **Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship**. This award is a one time scholarship of \$1000 based on academic merit, financial need, as well as student background and supporting letters. The scholarship is for those students who will be enrolling full time at a 4 year college or university in the fall of 2009.

If you would, please write a letter (approx. one page) about:

- how well you know the student; how long, classes of yours attended, etc.
- the students academic achievements that you can speak to
- any other school activities, citizenship or leadership qualities
- and how all of this fits into the college and program of study they are enrolling in
- your recommendation

Please either return your letter to the student in a sealed envelope, or feel free to mail (or e-mail) it to me (deadline May 22, 2009). Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely,

Dave Wohlhueter - Scholarship Chair (273-5891)
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