

THE GORDON ATWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations!

You are applying for our 2023-2024 Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship. This is a one time, \$1,000 scholarship, awarded to a deserving Tompkins County High School graduate who will be enrolling (full time) in a college beginning with the fall 2023 semester. The scholarship winner must demonstrate Academic Merit and Financial Need, which can comprise up to 72% of the scoring. Please make sure you read and follow the instructions closely.

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, but did not restrict this scholarship in any way to just Elk members and their children, only that the student show high academic merit and can demonstrate the need for financial aid.

We are proud to carry out Gordon Atwell's wishes by creating the Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship, a one-time, \$1,000 award for a deserving student.

Student Packet

Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship

Instructions

1. **Applicant and Parent(s)** – Complete all 3 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.
2. **Applicant** – please include a copy of your high school transcript.
3. **Applicant** – Please write (typed or neatly written, 1 page max) a letter addressing the following:
 - a. the college you are enrolling in for the fall semester 2023, 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 5:00 pm Friday, June 30, 2023, to:***

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

Questions? Email scholarships@ithacaelks.org

GORDON ATWELL MEMORIAL **SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving 2023 Tompkins County High school graduate.

Criteria:

- *Must enroll in a fully accredited college or University.*
- *Must attend full time (minimum 12 credit hours, beginning with the fall 2023 semester...deferrals not eligible)*
- *Scoring is based on a 1,000-point system (there is a minimum threshold). Up to 72% of the total score is weighted on documented Financial Need and Academic Merit*
- *An affiliation with the Elks Lodge is not required.*

Note: This is a competition for a \$1,000 Scholarship, and it is not renewable.



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GORDON ATWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2023-2024 Academic Year

Application of Required Facts

(Application must be completed in entirety and signed by applicant and parent(s))

Section 1 (to be completed by student)

Applicants Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail address (optional) _____

Telephone number(s) _____, _____

Applicants Date of Birth _____

Name of Tompkins County High School graduating from _____

Dates of Attendance (month/year to month/year) _____

Graduation Date _____ Class Size _____ Approximate Class Rank _____

- *Questions on this application follow the Elks National Foundation and FAFSA application models*
- *Awards are for one (1) year only and are not renewable*
- *All application information (other than name, address, telephone number, etc.) is destroyed after the scholarship process has ended. The Elks Lodge does not save any information other than what is required for audit purposes*

APPLICANT ACTIVITY PROFILE

Tell us about yourself!

Section 2 (to be completed by student applicant)

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

High School _____

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

High School _____

Offices held in class or school organizations

High School _____

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

What obstacles (if any) have you had to overcome to achieve any of these listed activities and achievements?

EMPLOYMENT and FINANCIAL DATA

Section 3 (to be completed by student applicant and parent)

Applicant Employment History (tell us about any employment you have had. Dates, hours worked, duties, etc.)

College

I have applied / been accepted at: _____

I intend on enrolling at: _____

My intended field of study will be: _____

I have applied for financial aid: No _____ Yes _____

I anticipate having student loans No _____ Yes _____ If yes, 1st year amount \$ _____

(this section to be completed by parent(s)) PARENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

Father (or Stepfather)

Name _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Mother (or Stepmother)

Name _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Parent's Marital status **Mother** *Married* *Divorced* *Widowed* *Remarried** *Deceased*
(circle one)

Father *Married* *Divorced* *Widowed* *Remarried** *Deceased*

**Financial need is based on the household income where the student resides the majority of the time. If student's parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions for the parent (household) that the student lived with most of the last 12 months.*

Parent(s) adjusted gross income (AGI) 2022 IRS 1040 line 37 amount \$ _____

(From one of the following) 2022 IRS 1040A line 21 amount \$ _____

2022 IRS 1040EZ line 4 amount \$ _____

Family Size: (in students household. Student, parents, siblings, other)..... _____

Number of dependent children in college for 2023-2024 academic year..... _____

Residence: Own _____ Rent _____

A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application was filed. Yes _____ No _____

What is the EFC (Expected Family Contribution) amount from the SAR (Student Aid Report) \$ _____

With my signature I certify that all of the above statements are true.

Student applicant _____ Date _____

Father / Stepfather _____ Date _____

Mother / Stepmother _____ Date _____

The Elks Lodge #636 reserves the right to verify any and all statements made on this application

STUDENT: *Please give this instruction sheet to your faculty or Staff Member*

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 that is applying for our **Gordon Atwell Memorial Scholarship**. This award is a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 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 college or university in the Fall of 2023.

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 us (deadline June 30, 2023). Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely,
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