



ITHACA LODGE No. 636, INC.
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

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TELEPHONE (607) 273-3172

THE GORDON ATWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are applying for our 2025-2026 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 2025 semester. The scholarship winner must demonstrate Academic Merit and Financial Need, which can comprise up to 60% of the scoring. Please make sure you read and follow the instructions closely.

Gordon Atwell passed 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.



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STUDENT PACKET INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: *This is a one-time scholarship and is NOT renewable. Affiliation with the Ithaca Elks Lodge #636 is NOT required to apply for this scholarship.*

1. **Applicant and Parent(s)** – Complete all (3) sections of the application and include appropriate signatures. Students 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 2025, 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 on 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 for your current school write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Give the "Faculty Instruction Sheet" to your faculty member.
6. **To be considered, all the above must be received by July 1st to:**

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

Any Questions can be directed to: scholarships@ithacaelks.org



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APPLICATION OF REQUIRED FACTS

(Application must be completed entirely and signed by applicant and parents)

SECTION I (to be completed by student applicant)

Applicants Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Applicants Date of Birth:

Name of Tompkins County High School:

Graduation Date:

Class Size:



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APPLICANT ACTIVITY PROFILE

(Tell us about yourself)

SECTION II (to be completed by student applicant)

Please indicate any school extracurricular activities (indicate year) such as Band, Sports, Clubs, etc. List **ONLY** major activities:

High School:

Please list any Honors and/or Awards (including any Honor / AP Courses Taken in last 4 years)

High School:

Please indicate any offices held in class or school organizations

High School:

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

Community:

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

Achievements:



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EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL DATA

SECTION III (to be completed by student applicant and parent)

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

College

I have applied / been accepted at:

My intended field of study will be:

I have applied for financial aid: Yes No

I anticipate having student loans: Yes No 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
Father:	Married	Divorced	Widowed	Remarried*	Deceased

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

PARENT'S GROSS COMBINED INCOME:

\$1 - \$50K \$51K - \$100K \$101K - \$150K \$151K - UP

FAMILY SIZE (in student's household. Student, Parents, Siblings, Other):

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN COLLEGE FOR 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR:

RESIDENCE: OWN RENT



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SIGNATURES & ATTEST

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification from consideration for this scholarship.

STUDENT APPLICANT:

DATE:

FATHER/STEPFATHER:

DATE:

MOTHER/STEPMOTHER:

DATE:

**REMEMBER TO PRINT THE APPLICATION AND
GIVE INSTRUCTION SHEET TO TEACHER OR
STAFF MEMBER BEFORE EMAILING
APPLICATION TO:
SCHOLARSHIPS@ITHACAEELKS.ORG**

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



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FACULTY / STAFF RECOMMENDATION LETTER

(STUDENT: PLEASE GIVE THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET TO FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER)

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 2025.

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

- How well you know the student; how long, classes of yours, etc.
- The students' academic achievements that you can speak to
- Any other school activities, citizenship, or leadership qualities
- How all this fits into the college/program of study enrolled
- Your recommendation

Please email it to us at the email address listed below (deadline is July 1st) or mail to the address below (must be received by July 1st). Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely,

Ithaca Elks Lodge #636

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