



**GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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**GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1981  
P. O. Box 594  
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Gentry High School  
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Ms. Dean:

The Gentry High School Class of 1981 will award three scholarships—a \$500 first-place, a \$300 second-place, and a \$200 third-place scholarship—to three 2023 graduating seniors that meet the scholarship criteria and eventually verify enrollment at a college or university, community college, or technical or vocational training program.

Enclosed are the scholarship criteria and submission instructions.

Please share the scholarship information with all 2023 graduating seniors by posting the scholarship on the Gentry High School website.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert E. Taylor '81, Ph.D., at [robertetaylor25@hotmail.com](mailto:robertetaylor25@hotmail.com).

Respectfully,

/s/  
Terrell Thomas, '81  
Class President

Encls (1) Scholarship Criteria  
(2) Submission Instructions

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### **MISSION**

GHS Class of 1981 annual scholarship's mission is to encourage, incentivize, and inspire graduating seniors to pursue their academic or vocational goals.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Scholarship Committee will award either a \$500 first-place, \$300 second-place, or a \$200 third-place scholarship to the top three scholarship submissions that meet the scholarship criteria and eventually verify enrollment at a:

1. Four-year College or University
2. Two-Year Junior or Community College
3. Vocational or Technical Training Program

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All graduating seniors from the GHS class of 2023 are eligible for one of three scholarships.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Graduating senior\*
2. 2.5 Grade Point Average\*
3. One (1) Page Essay (grammar, spelling)\*
4. Examples of Student Intra-curricula & Extra-curricula Leadership (e.g., SGA, 4-H, JROTC, etc.)\*\*
5. Examples of Student Volunteerism (e.g., Scouts, Meals-on-Wheels, Caregiver, Public Library, etc.)\*\*
6. Work experience\*\*

\*Required

\*\*Any combination of these criteria can help boost a student's chances of winning; it is in each student's best interest to submit as much material as possible.

## SUBMISSION

1. Submit scholarship materials to Robert E. Taylor, Ph.D., [robertetaylor25@hotmail.com](mailto:robertetaylor25@hotmail.com), by April 30, 2023.
2. The Scholarship Committee will not consider submissions received after April 30, 2023.
3. Individual seniors applying for a scholarship should **submit scholarship material in Portable Document Format (.pdf)**.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Scholarship Committee will announce the scholarship winners by May 8, 2023.

## DISCLAIMER

The GHS Class of 1981 will disburse scholarship funds to the school's bursar when the scholarship winner submits proof of enrollment. All scholarships not claimed by October 15, 2023, will be canceled.

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## SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

### GHS Class of 1981 Scholarship

On a sheet of paper separate from your essay, please provide or verify items 1, 2, & 4 – 6.

1. You are a GHS graduating senior.
2. Verify your current Grade Point Average (must come from a counselor)
3. Write a one-page (1.5 line-spacing, 12pt font) essay addressing the following question:  
**“How has social media negatively or positively affected traditional social norms in America.”**
4. Provide examples of intra-curricula and extra-curricula leadership
5. Provide examples of volunteerism
6. Provide examples of work experience

\*1 – 3 are required.

\*\*Please provide your name and email address on your submission(s) for scholarship notification purposes.

Submit your scholarship materials to [robertetaylor25@hotmail.com](mailto:robertetaylor25@hotmail.com) in Portable Document Format (.pdf) on or before April 30, 2023.