

Griffin School Foundation – Tiernan-Keigher Scholarship

The Tiernan-Keigher Scholarship program is sponsored by the Griffin School Foundation to recognize the achievements of a Griffin School District student for any type of post-high school education or training. Up to \$2,500 Award.

Eligibility & Criteria

- Live in the Griffin School District boundaries OR attend Griffin School
- Be the equivalent of an 8th grade student in a public, home-schooled, or accredited private school
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.
- **Extracurricular Activities/Community Service:** Volunteer projects and active participation in community and/or school activities that exemplify a commitment to excellence.
- **Personal/Education goals:** An indication of how the scholarship might contribute to future education goals.
- **Service:** Demonstrated ability to be helpful to others, such as leadership roles, citizen and community involvement, good friend or family member (i.e. chores).

Application Required Items:

Personal Essay

- In a one-page essay, tell us about your personal life story and experience; include extra-curricular and community service activities that show you are helpful to others. Explain your goals, areas of interest, and how education will help you achieve your goals. Discuss your plans for high school and how you will prepare yourself for your future.

*It is recommended that you review the scholarship eligibility and criteria and incorporate your qualifications into the essay.

2 Letters of Recommendation

- One letter from a current or former teacher and one from a personal contact such as an employer, coach, community member, or member of your extended family (not a parent or sibling). Ask individuals who know you well to address the following:
 - Assessment of the applicant's qualification for this scholarship.
 - Applicant's demonstrated contribution to the community or classroom, with specific examples of service to others.
 - Include any other information considered relevant to this scholarship.

Grade Transcript

- A copy of your Middle School transcript or equivalent.

Statement of Need

- Write a brief statement indicating why you need this award and how it will help you reach your goal of higher education. This will be kept strictly confidential.

Notes

- Members of the immediate families of any Scholarship Selection Committee members are eligible to apply with the provision that the related family member does not serve during the year in which the application is considered.
- The award will be held in trust until verification of the student's enrollment in an accredited college, university, or vocational institution. In the event the recipient fails to enroll in a higher education program or meet the minimum criteria during their high school years, the funds will revert to the ownership of the Griffin School Foundation.
- The chosen scholarship recipient will be required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 during their high school years and must submit a written form annual to the Griffin Foundation.

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on our previous application review, we have found the letter of recommendation is a very important component of the scholarship application process. The application already contains the student's transcripts, an essay from the student, and details of their qualifications. The letter of recommendation should provide information that describes who the student is and how they exemplify the qualities we are looking for when choosing the scholarship recipient.

We are looking for a portrait of this applicant's character, examples of their contributions, interaction with others, and your view on their promise for the future based on their performance in the present.

Thank you,

Tammy Questi & Teri Weaver
Scholarship Committee
Griffin School Foundation