



Gift it Back to Award it Forward Scholarship

It feels good doesn't it? Graduating from high school and being able to pursue your dreams by attending college and becoming the next big CEO, businessman or woman, nurse, farmer, doctor, or even landing your next big dream job working in a corporation. The world is truly at your fingertips, and no big surprise to you: there is only one person in the world that can define your future from here, and that person is you. Take a step back and think about it, we all started out the same, a small child born in the city or on a farm making decisions along the way on how we will define our lives and the choices we've made growing up. Some of these choices were seemingly insignificant and some more important but one thing is for sure, the choices you are about to face now that you are ready to venture out on your own will be some of the most important of your lifetime. It is now the time you take what you've learned from your teachers, parents and community members and form your own opinions, thoughts and define a path for yourself. Will there be success in your future? If so, how will you define that success? Will you take what you've learned and apply it? After you've reached a success point in your life will you reflect back on those that helped you get to where you are today in your life and return the favor by helping someone else? We sure hope so, and that's what makes this scholarship so remarkable. You get financial assistance to help you get to your defined success point, and then you have the opportunity to help another person in need whenever you are financially able by giving back to this scholarship. This success point is defined by you and there is no set timeframe in which to achieve it, it may be one year after college or it may be ten. Let's face it, this world would be a much better place if people recognized the need and helped each other achieve success in their lives.

Award:

One \$500 scholarship payable directly to the accredited "not-for-profit" 4-Year University the applicant is attending.

Requirements:

Students applying for this scholarship must complete the following:

- A bio about yourself, who are you? What have you been up to?
- A goals statement, what are your short, medium and long term goals? How will you measure and who will hold you accountable to them?
- A statement on your defined success point in your life and the path you are going to choose to get there. This will require a bit of thought, we'd like to see a full picture of what you want to achieve and where you are headed.
- University acceptance letter

The format and length is up to you, it should in a professional format and should reflect high-school graduate or college level writing.

Submissions are due April 15th to the school counselor.