



## **D.K. SPRAGUE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT GUIDELINES**

### **PURPOSE**

The D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment has been developed by Gun Lake Tribe and is committed to providing financial assistance to area high school students planning to attend a college, university, institute or trade school. This scholarship is open to all area high school students who meet eligibility requirements and do not need be a Gun Lake Tribal Citizen, Citizen of any other federally recognized tribe or of Tribal or Indigenous descent.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment, an applicant must be a current high school senior in one of the following five counties: Allegan, Barry, Kent, Kalamazoo or Ottawa and submit all of the following documentation, together in one submission, by 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2021.

- Class schedule or acceptance letter to an accredited college, university or trade school.
- Completed endowment application.
- Official high school transcript, showing a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or greater.
- At least two letters of recommendation in Word or PDF format, from non-relative, describing the student's scholastic career and leadership abilities.
- Community service and leadership resume in Word or PDF format.
- Personal essay that meets the following criteria:
  - Provided as a Word document.
  - 800 – 1,200 words in length.
  - Describes why you are passionate about your chosen career path and how it can benefit your community.
  - Describes how you have already demonstrated leadership skills and community service.
  - Details how you plan to continue to serve as a leader as you pursue education beyond high school.
  - Please note, essays may touch on other relevant information but should clearly focus on the above topics.
  - See Personal Essay Content in the scoring rubric for details on how essays will be scored.

### **AWARD PROCESS**

The D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment Scholarship committee will consist of members appointed by the Gun Lake Tribal Council. The Endowment will be awarded to one student from each of the five counties listed above. Each recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$20,000; to be paid out in payments of \$5,000 per school year, over the course of four years. The scholarship will be issued in the form of a check made out jointly to the intended school and the student. Winners will be notified by May 8, 2021.

### **DISCONTINUATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment committee may discontinue or adjust the scholarship if the student chooses to withdraw from the higher education institution designated on the Scholarship Application. To maintain eligibility, the student will be required to submit their unofficial transcripts to the committee annually that reflect a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

No applicant will be disqualified from the D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment based on age, religion, color, gender, sexual preference, height, weight, national origin, handicap or physical disabilities.

Please feel free to contact the D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment Committee at 269.397.1780 or 2872 Mission Drive, Shelbyville, MI 49344.

# D.K. SPRAGUE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT APPLICATION

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Legal Name

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

Current High School

County

Allegan

Barry

Kalamazoo

Kent

Ottawa

College/University/Institute/Trade School

Intended Field of Study

*I certify that the information given is true to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that the Gun Lake Tribe may share my contact information internally for purposes of fulfilling the terms of the D.K. Sprague Educational Scholarship Endowment.*

Applicant Signature or Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Date

***Application Deadline is 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2021.***

**Please submit all required documents, in one submission by:**

Mail:

or

Email:

GLT Education Department  
2872 Mission Drive  
Shelbyville, MI 49344

[scholarships@glt-nsn.gov](mailto:scholarships@glt-nsn.gov)

# SCORING RUBRIC

	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Excels</b>
<b>Academic Achievement</b>	<b>0 Points</b> Student meets minimum 3.75 GPA, with no advanced placement/college courses	<b>2 Points</b> Student meets minimum 3.75 GPA, with some advance placement/college courses.	<b>4 Points</b> Student has at least a 4.0 GPA with some advance placement/college courses.	<b>6 Points</b> Student has above a 4.0 GPA, with some advance placement/college courses.
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	<b>0 Points</b> Letters provide no personal knowledge of student's character, achievements and leadership.	<b>2 Points</b> Letters provide positive personal comments about the student but fails to give examples of student's character, achievements.	<b>4 Points</b> Letters provide positive personal comments about the student and gives some examples of student's character, achievements and leadership.	<b>6 Points</b> Letters provide positive personal comments about the student as well as examples of student's character, achievements, leadership and community involvement.
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<b>0 Points</b> No community involvement, with no extenuating circumstances.	<b>2 Points</b> Less than three examples of community involvement, vague descriptions.	<b>4 Points</b> Three or more examples of community involvement with no leadership roles.	<b>6 Points</b> Three or more examples of community involvement with at least 1 leadership role.
<b>Personal Essay Content</b>	<b>0 Points</b> Essay does not clearly focus on the given topics.	<b>2 Points</b> Essay touches on the given topics, does not provide any strong examples or supporting details.	<b>4 Points</b> Essay clearly focuses on the given topics with at least one strong example or supporting detail.	<b>6 Points</b> Essay clearly focuses on the given topics with multiple strong examples and supporting details.
<b>Personal Essay Mechanics</b>	<b>0 Points</b> Essay is not written clearly, contains many spelling/grammar/punctuation errors and/or does not meet length requirements.	<b>2 Points</b> Essay contains more than a few spelling/grammar/punctuation errors and stays within length requirements.	<b>4 Points</b> Essay contains few spelling/grammar/punctuation errors and stays within length requirements.	<b>6 Points</b> Essay contains no spelling/grammar/punctuation errors and stays within length requirements.
<b>Total Points</b>				

**APPLICATION TOTAL**  
(30 Possible)

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