

## ***2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD***

Statement of purpose: The Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce has established a scholarship program administered through the Grand Haven Community Foundation Fund. The goal is to assist an Allendale area high school senior who has been accepted and will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall immediately following their high school graduation.

Qualification: All candidates are judged on their merit. Primary consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school and community activities. There must be evidence of a strong desire to succeed.

Giving of the Scholarship Awards: A committee comprised of five individuals involved with the Allendale area community will select the \$500.00 award recipient. The winner will be announced at the school's annual awards ceremony.

Application Requirements:

- Student Profile Application
- Background Information
- An essay on "Building A Better Business Community."
- A copy of the student's transcript
- High school counselor recommendation
- Two letters of personal recommendation
- A letter of acceptance to Grand Valley State University

Procedures and Guidelines:

- Each school will publicize scholarship announcement and availability.
- Applicant is responsible for timely completion of all requirements.
- Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will be disqualified.
- Completed applications should be submitted to the Allendale Chamber Scholarship Committee to 6181 Lake Michigan Drive, # 167, Allendale, MI 49401 no later than March 31, 2017. Scanned documents sent via email are also accepted. Send to [aacc@allendalechamber.org](mailto:aacc@allendalechamber.org).
- The Allendale Chamber Scholarship Committee will announce the award and it will be given at the school's annual awards ceremony.

Due: March 31, 2017

**ALLENDALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**1. Student Information Profile Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Course of Study at GVSU: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include photo for press release. \*Please check yes/no if we have your permission to include your full name with photo for the purpose of publication that will also be posted on our Chamber website.

Yes, you have my permission to publish my full name with photo in the AACC newsletter as well as the AACC website.

No, I do not wish for my full name, only first name with last initial to be published with my photo in the AACC newsletter as well as the AACC website.

No, I do not wish for any of my information to be published.

**2. Background Information:**

Provide up to two pages of typed information detailing your leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school, community, and church activities. You may wish to outline your interests, hobbies, awards received or other information to support your application.

**3. Essay: "Building A Better Community"**

Provide up to two pages of typed information answering the essay question: What does "building a better business community" mean to you and how would you improve or build a better community in Allendale?

**4. Attach student transcript**

**5. High School Counselor Recommendation:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your recommendation for the above student by attaching a typed letter of recommendation.

**6a. Personal Recommendation From:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your first-hand knowledge of how the applicant has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school, community or church activities. You may wish to detail other information to support the character and integrity of this applicant.

**6b. Personal Recommendation From:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your first-hand knowledge of how the applicant has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school, community or church activities. You may wish to detail other information to support the character and integrity of this applicant.

**7. Attach letter of acceptance from Grand Valley State University.**

**Student Checklist:**

Your high school counselor can help you in collecting the following information. It is your responsibility to see that all information has arrived by Friday, March 31, 2017. The counselor can then turn over the completed application to the Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee.

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Return to:

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Allendale, MI, 49401

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