



Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship

2022

In 2013, the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Les Gutter, who was the dedicated treasurer of FAMOHIO for more than twenty years. It is to that dedication and spirit of giving that the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship was created to promote and inspire young persons with bleeding disorders to pursue their career goals through post-secondary education. The board of FAMOHIO and the members of the scholarship committee acknowledge the many challenges students face during this educational journey. It is hoped that the financial assistance provided by the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship will help recipients continue their quest for knowledge and assist them attain their career dreams.

The FAMOHIO Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship is open to any person with an inherited bleeding/coagulation disorder diagnosis, i.e., hemophilia, von Willebrand disease or other inherited coagulation disorder, who receives treatment at a federally recognized hemophilia treatment center (HTC) or from a hematologist in Ohio. The applicant must be currently living in Ohio or within an Ohio HTC's usual geographic area of service. In some cases, the applicant may be living outside of Ohio. The final determination of the suitability of an applicant based on diagnosis or place of residence will be determined by the FAMOHIO scholarship committee. The applicant must be seeking post-secondary education at a university/college or technical school or be enrolled in a graduate school program.

The minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded per year for first-time applicants. Depending on the availability of funds additional scholarships of a minimum of \$1000 may be available to other first-time applicants. If an applicant has exceptional qualifications or significant financial need, a scholarship may be considered up to \$4,000 for first-time applicants, dependent on financial resource availability and the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Priority will be given to students applying for the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for the first time. However, students are encouraged to apply for a scholarship in the next and subsequent years. Repeat scholarships of \$1000 may be available depending on FAMOHIO funds. A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED for each year that a student applies for funding.

The scholarship applicant's attendance at prior Annual FAMOHIO Conferences is encouraged, and such attendance may be one factor taken into consideration by the scholarship committee. However, such attendance is not mandated. Attendance at the FAMOHIO Conference on the year of the scholarship award is encouraged, so that the awardee may briefly present their intended academic goals to the conference attendees. A brief written review by the scholarship awardee summarizing the student's progress for the recent academic year, along with future academic plans, is encouraged to be submitted to the scholarship committee at the end of the academic year. Such a summary is required if the student wishes to apply for a subsequent FAMOHIO scholarship (see application).

The scholarship application and supporting documents must be submitted by May 1, 2022. The decision by the scholarship committee will be announced by May 15, 2022. Payment will be made directly to the student's university/college or technical school. The completed application and supporting documentation should be submitted electronically to FAMOHIOInfo@gmail.com. Incomplete scholarship applications will NOT be considered. For questions about the application process, please contact Sandra Hibner at Sandraahibner@gmail.com.

2022 Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship Application

Release Date for Application March 15, 2022

Submission Deadline for Application May 1, 2022

Application Process: Each application must include the following documents, sent together in one package:

- Completed application (link below)
- Essay (instructions on link below)
- Proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance to a college or technical school
- Letter from Hemophilia Treatment Center staff or hematologist documenting a bleeding disorder diagnosis and that applicant is current with visits/treatment.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, community member or employer (First-time applicants only)
- Copy of the most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Deadline: Application and supporting documents must be submitted by May 1, 2022. No incomplete applications will be considered.

Announcement of Scholarship Recipients: Decision by the scholarship committee will be announced by May 15, 2022.

Submission of Application: The completed application and supporting documentation should be submitted electronically to FAMOHIOInfo@gmail.com.

Questions: For questions about the application process, please contact Sandra Hibner at Sandraahibner@gmail.com.

Special Provisions: Payment will be made directly to the student's university/college or technical school.

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____
2. Mailing Address Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3. Email address _____
Daytime Telephone Number: () _____
Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

4. High School (if recent graduate), or institution currently attending:

5. I will be a freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or senior five-year, in graduate program (underline your choice)

6. Year of anticipated graduation _____

7. Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale). Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent unofficial or official transcript is required.

8. What is your major/degree? If major is undeclared, state reason.

9. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter (if known):

A. Other scholarship(s) _____ Amount: _____

B. Student Loans(s) _____ Amount: _____

10. Inherited bleeding/coagulation disorder diagnosis:

11. Name of Federally recognized Ohio Hemophilia Treatment Center or hematologist:

12. List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities (For applicants applying for a Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for a second or subsequent year list only for the past academic year):

13. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities, including those associated with the bleeding disorders community, during your high school/college years (For applicants applying for a Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for a second or subsequent year list only for the past academic year):

14. Have you attended FAMOHIO in the past within the last four years? Please list the years of FAMOHIO attendance. Would you be willing to attend this year or assist in the planning of the FAMOHIO events in the future?

15. Do you have financial need or extreme challenges? if so, can you explain in general terms:

16. List your goals, aspirations and choice of major:

17. **Essay question:** Please limit your response to 600 words or less. Please type your response, double spaced, on a separate sheet/s of paper.

- ***How has a bleeding disorder affected or inspired your decision to further your education?***
- ***What advice you would like to share with younger members of the community regarding living with a bleeding disorder?***

NOTE: For applicants applying for a Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for a second or subsequent year, ***instead of*** the essay questions listed above, please submit a response in 600 words or less, double spaced, on a separate sheet/s of paper.

- ***A brief review summarizing your progress for the recent academic year, along with future academic plans.***
- ***What advice would you be willing to share with younger students preparing to enter college or a technical school for post-secondary education?***

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/ registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____