

# FAMOHIO



## Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship

**2023**

In 2013, the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Les Gutter, who was the dedicated treasurer of FAMOHIO for over two decades. It is to that dedication and spirit of giving that the Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship was created with the goal of promoting and inspiring young persons with bleeding/coagulation disorders to pursue their career goals through post-secondary education.

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, 2023. The decision by the scholarship committee will be announced by May 15, 2023. 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](mailto:FAMOHIOInfo@gmail.com). Incomplete scholarship applications will NOT be considered. For questions about the application process, please contact Sandra Hibner at [Sandraahibner@gmail.com](mailto:Sandraahibner@gmail.com).

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## **Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship Application 2023**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Call for Applications; Guidance posted on website.....	March 15, 2023
Applications due .....	May 1, 2023
Decisions made by FAMOHIO Scholarship Committee ...	May 15, 2023
Announcements and Award letters sent .....	May 22, 2023

### **Please use the following checklist to ensure required documents are included with your application:**

- Completed application (link below)
- Essay (instructions on link below)
- Proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance to a college or technical school
- A **current 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*). Letters from family members are NOT acceptable.
- Copy of the most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average (GPA)

**ALL GRANTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. FAMOHIO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REDUCE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT REQUESTS. Funds provided under this application may not be used for other purposes. At the end of the academic school year unspent funds must be returned to FAMOHIO.**

**Submission of Application:** The completed application and supporting documentation should be submitted electronically to [FAMOHIOInfo@gmail.com](mailto:FAMOHIOInfo@gmail.com).

**Deadline:** Application and supporting documents must be submitted by May 1, 2023. No incomplete applications will be considered.

**Announcement of Scholarship Recipients:** Decision by the scholarship committee will be announced by May 22, 2023.

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

**Questions:** For questions about the application process, please contact Sandra Hibner at [Sandraahibner@gmail.com](mailto:Sandraahibner@gmail.com).

# FAMOHIO Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship

## Application 2023

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 post-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. List the years received. (For applicants applying for a Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for a second or subsequent year list only for the past academic year):  
*Example: Honors: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*

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. List the years of participation. (For applicants applying for a Les Gutter Memorial Scholarship for a second or subsequent year list only for the past academic year):

*Example: High School Band 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*

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 questions (please address both questions):** 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 to the following:

- ***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: \_\_\_\_\_