

GOLDEN SANDS HOME BUILDERS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I am applying for the following scholarships (Please check all that apply)

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA – 2026

_____ GSHBA Scholarship of Excellence - \$2,000

This scholarship is available to any eligible student or resident seeking education in the building industry living in GSHBA tri-county area of Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca, and Wood counties. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ Jeff Nygaard Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

GSHBA sponsors this scholarship in memory of former member Jeff Nygaard. This scholarship will be available to any student or resident in the Portage County area seeking an education in the health care profession or building related industry. This "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ The Portage County Bank Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship will be available to any student or resident in the Portage County area that is seeking education in the finance/banking profession or building industry. This "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ Ryley Hofferber Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

This is available to a student from Portage or Waupaca County. The award recipient must be planning on entering or enrolled in a degree apprenticeship program or education program in the field of building construction trades. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ Hammer Down Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is available to any student seeking education in the Building Industry, Health/Promotional Wellenes or Physical Therapy living in Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca or Wood County. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ GSHBA Parade of Homes Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is available to any student seeking education in the Building Industry, Interior Design, Drafting or Marketing fields living in Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca or Wood County. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ Alchemy Concrete Scholarship - \$1,500

This scholarship is available to a student from Amherst High School. The award recipient must be planning on entering or enrolled in a degree apprenticeship program or education program in the field of building construction trades. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

FFH Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is available to any new or continuing full or part time student seeking education at Mid-State Technical College in the Construction Trades program. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

Freedom Home Builders Scholarship - \$1,000

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have an enlistment contract to join any branch of service.
2. Must be in one of the trades or joining an engineer MOS.

It can be a split if they already did basic training, and they are home to finish high school before going to do second phase of initial entry training.

Marty Family Scholarship - \$1,250

This scholarship is available to any Portage County resident training and working in a building industry trade. This "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient for work related tools and equipment.

AgCountry Farm Credit Services Scholarship - \$1,500

This scholarship will be available to any student seeking education in the finance/banking profession or building industry. This "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment.

Welling Kitchen, Bath & Flooring Scholarship - \$1,000

This grant is available to any person entering a career related to kitchen, bath and/or floor design or remodeling. Applicants should explain their anticipated career, and how the grant will reduce the barrier to entry. The grant will be issued to the recipient for work-related tools, equipment, or education.

Feltz Lumber Scholarship - \$1,500

This scholarship is available to any student seeking education in the Building Industry, Interior Design, Drafting or Marketing fields living in Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca or Wood County. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

Ideal Crane Rental, Inc. Workforce Ambassador Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is available to any new or continuing full or part time student seeking education at Mid-State Technical College in the Construction Trades or Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technician program. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

Adams Skilled Trades Scholarship – \$1,200

This scholarship is available to any student or resident within the GSHBA tri-county area — including Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca, and Wood counties — who is planning to enter or is currently enrolled in a degree, apprenticeship, or certification program in the electrical, mechanical, or building construction trades. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing careers in electrical, HVAC, plumbing, or other skilled trades that support residential and light commercial construction. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient’s educational institution upon verification of enrollment.

_____ SRS Building Products Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is available to any student in Portage county that is seeking education in the building industry, drafting or marketing fields. This "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment.

_____ Wirtz & Co Construction Scholarship \$1,000

This scholarship is available to anyone majoring in Construction Management, Civil Engineering, Architecture, skilled trades or related. Career commitment should show statement of intent to work in construction engineering or related. No GPA requirements. Preferably from Central Wisconsin and we encourage underrepresented groups (women in construction, second chance parents who are starting over). Please include in your essay "Why I Want to Build"

**GOLDEN SANDS HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
3530 KARRINGTON PLACE
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Any student is eligible to receive the GSHBA Scholarships and is encouraged to apply.

Applicant's Name _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Date of birth: _____

1. High School: _____

2. Higher Education: _____

3. Name of Parents: _____

4. Are they members of GSHBA? Yes _____ No _____

5. If yes, list father and mother's occupations and employer:

6. What school will you be attending? _____

7. Have you applied? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

8. What course of study do you plan to pursue? _____

9. How do you intend to finance your education? _____

10. What extra-curricular activities have you been involved in while in school? Indicate any offices held, awards or achievements. _____

11. Applicants past work experience during high school and summer.

Authorization is granted to _____ school to release any information on this application to the scholarship committee and universities.

Applicants Signature

Date

1. Application is due by **March 3rd, 2026.**
2. Application must be completed in a legible manner to be given consideration.
3. No other application form will be accepted, and none will be returned.
4. Submit a Statement (no more than 250 words)
Present your case for scholarship/financial consideration as completely and convincingly as possible. Comment on why you need this scholarship. Elaborate on your education and occupational goals. Be specific as to your career aspirations. Scholarship and award donors will read this "Statement" exactly as written, so take your time, check your spelling and grammar and do a good job. Confine your information to the application.
5. Attached with this application your most current, complete school transcript showing your classes taken, GPA and class rank.
6. Attach a maximum of 2 letters of recommendation, of which not more than one is from a current or past teacher. If letters of recommendation are coming in separate, please inform us. The deadline for the recommendations letter is also **March 3rd, 2026.**
7. The successful applicant must be a permanent resident of the central Wisconsin area.
8. Preference will be given to family members of the GSHBA membership.

Successful applicants will be notified in **April 2026**, and will be invited, along with their parents, to attend a Golden Sands Home Builders Association dinner in April to accept their scholarship.

PLEASE EMAIL IN ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS office@gshba.net

OR MAIL TO:

GSHBA
3530 KARRINGTON PLACE
PLOVER, WI 54467