**GOLDEN SANDS HOME BUILDERS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA – 2027**

**____GSHBA Scholarship of Excellence - $2,500**

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 - $2,000**

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.

**____ Hammer Down Scholarship - $2,000**

This scholarship is available to any student seeking education in the Building Industry, Health/Promotional Wellness 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 - $2,000**

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.

**____ Golden Community Impact Scholarship - $2,000**

This scholarship recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving the lives of others throughout the Central Wisconsin community. The scholarship is intended to honor an individual who has made a positive and meaningful impact through volunteerism, community service, charitable initiatives, and participation in local outreach programs. The "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient.

- Applicants should provide a brief personal statement (no more than 250 words) describing their community involvement, volunteer experience, and the impact their efforts have had on Central Wisconsin. It should also include how they plan to continue giving back to their community in the future.

**____The Portage County Bank Scholarship - $1,500**

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.

____ **FFH Scholarship - $1,500**

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 or Nursing program. The “stipend” will be granted directly to the recipient’s school upon verification of enrollment.

____ **Freedom Home Builders Scholarship - $1,500**

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 - $1,500**

This scholarship is available to any Portage County resident that is 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 - $1,500**

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 - $1,500**

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 – $1,500**

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.

____ **Kezeske Construction Scholarship – $1,500**

This scholarship is available to residents of the Central Wisconsin area who are pursuing education or training in a skilled trade, or healthcare profession. Preference will be given to applicants interested in careers such as nursing, building trades, or starting their own business. The stipend will be given directly to the recipient.

____ **Giving Back Outdoors – $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.

____ **Stone Innovations Scholarship – $1,500**

This scholarship is available to any student seeking education in the Building Industry, Interior Design, Drafting, or Related Trade. The student must reside in Wood, Portage or Waupaca County. The "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient.

____ **Integrated Metal Designs Scholarship – $750**

This scholarship is available to any student attending a technical school in Adams, Juneau, Portage, Waushara, Waupaca, and Wood counties and pursuing a career in the building trades, welding, drafting, design, interior design, carpentry or metal fabrication. The "stipend" will be granted directly to the recipient.

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**GOLDEN SANDS HOME BUIDLERS ASSOCIATION**

**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:

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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. _____

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

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

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Applicants Signature Date

1. Application is due by **February 24, 2027.**
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.
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 **February 24, 2027.**
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** and will be invited, along with their parents, to attend a Golden Sands Home Builders Association dinner on **April 13, 2027.**

**PLEASE EMAIL IN ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS** office@gshba.net **- EMAIL IS PREFERRED IF POSSIBLE.**

**OR MAIL TO:**

GSHBA
3530 KARRINGTON PLACE
PLOVER, WI 54467