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The Kelly Gibson Foundation, in partnership with the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, announces the 2021 Oscar J. Tolmas Memorial Scholarship Fund. Under the program, scholarships will be awarded to high school juniors through 5th year students in college as of fall 2021. Applications are evaluated based on academics, community involvement, financial need and essay responses.

The fund is an equal opportunity scholarship program and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, gender, religion or ethnic origin.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

Under the program, scholarships will be awarded to high school juniors as of fall 2021 through 5th year students in college (cannot be older than 22 years old).

Applicants must be a child or direct descendant of someone who has served in either the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, Coast Guard and/or Reserves.

Applicants must be a resident of the following parishes/counties in Louisiana or Mississippi: Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint Helena, Saint James, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Martin, Saint Mary, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge parishes or Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River counties.

Applicants have a record of volunteerism in the community and participation in extracurricular school activities.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (on 4.0 scale), and plan to attend a 2 or 4- year college or technical school.

If you have previously received a scholarship, that will be taken into consideration during the selection process.

If a scholarship is awarded, it will be the student's responsibility to submit their student ID number and college information to the Kelly Gibson Foundation.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the recipient must be present at the Swing Hard for Soldiers golf tournament on Friday, November 12, 2021 by 4pm. The scholarship presentation will be held at Tchefuncta Country Club on 2 Country Club Park, Covington, LA, 70433.

Delivery Options:

Applications must be received by **SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021 at 11:59 pm. No exceptions.** Email completed application to: Celest at Celest@thekellygibsonfoundation.org

You will receive a confirmation email that application has been received within 24 hours.

Please complete the following information:

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

2. Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

3. Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____ - _____ - _____

Age (as of November 2021): _____

5. Gender: M or F

6. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

*Please attach proof of GPA. Photo copy of current grade report or academic transcript is required.

7. Please provide best applicable composite score for SAT or ACT: _____

(only applies to applicants who have taken either or both tests)

*Please attach proof of composite score and section scores. Photo copy of score report for either or both tests is required.

8. Name of high school you attend/attended: _____

9. What college do/will you attend (list school name): _____

Major (if decided): _____

Year in college as of fall 2021: _____

10. Name of family member who is active, retired or deceased military: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Relation: _____

Resume: Please attach an activity log or resume to answer the questions below.

- A. List any academic honors or awards you have received
- B. List extracurricular activities, school related volunteer activities, and leadership roles
- C. List any non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community

Essay: Please attach your response to all three of the following questions in essay format.
(Maximum one-page total for all three responses)

- A. Name a person whose military service has inspired you. How would you describe them? What have they done in their personal or professional life to influence you and others?
- B. What about your volunteer or extracurricular activities and your character lead you to believe that you are the best candidate to receive this scholarship?
- C. What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? Provide an example of a time you exhibited one of these qualities.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS:

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances). I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Swing Hard for Soldiers scholarship program policy, I must be present at the Swing Hard for Soldiers golf tournament on Friday, November 12, 2021 by 4pm at Tchefuncta Country Club 2 Country Club Park, Covington, LA, 70433 to receive my scholarship award. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the scholarship program’s policy, it is my responsibility to remit to the Kelly Gibson Foundation the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution. I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or submissions that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered. The scholarship committee reserves the right to review and amend the scholarship criteria.

Signature of applicant:_____

Date: _____ - _____ - _____

Please review the checklist provided. Only completed applications with all requested documentation will be reviewed. All incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Celest at (504) 400-8013 or Celest@thekellygibsonfoundation.org.

- _____ Completed application with all necessary information provided
- _____ Copy of most recent high school/college transcript(s) (with cumulative GPA)
- _____ Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores
- _____ List of community involvement and activities sheet or resume
- _____ Complete essay with all three questions answered (maximum one page total)
- _____ Application emailed to Celest@thekellygibsonfoundation.org by Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11:59pm

REMINDER: The deadline for application to be received by the Kelly Gibson Foundation is Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11:59pm. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been received within 24 hours. If you are selected to receive a scholarship, the committee will notify you no later than Monday, November 1, 2021. Recipients must be present at the Swing Hard for Soldiers golf tournament on Friday, November 12, 2021 by 4pm at Tchefuncta Country Club 2 Country Club Park, Covington, LA, 70433 to receive their scholarships. No exceptions.