

2018 GARY L. COTTINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

Gary Cottingham was born in Kokomo, Indiana and graduated from Three Rivers High School in 1964, where he participated in football, basketball, and track. In 1966, he married his high school sweetheart, Marian Rice, an associate broker for Century 21 Arrowhead Real Estate. Gary worked his way into the sales industry, where he was recognized as one of the top producers in the forms business. He was a wonderful husband and a loving, giving father to three sons: Chad, Ryan and Chase. Gary coached his boys in both football and basketball and always made time to hunt and fish with them. His boys look back at their dad with great appreciation for the time he invested in their lives. Through this scholarship, it is the desire of Gary's family to continue to invest in young people's lives.

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to students entering college.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this scholarship must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Graduation from Three Rivers High School.
2. Have attained a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
3. Have played a minimum of two years of high school basketball.
4. Be available for personal interview with the scholarship selection committee.
5. Provide at least two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, a coach or pastor.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship shall be in the amount of \$500 per year for one year.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall be determined by the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the TRACF Common Scholarship Application **AND** the Gary L. Cottingham Scholarship Attachment, found at <http://threeriversfoundation.com/>. All information submitted will be kept in the strictest confidence. Scholarship applications should be typed or legibly printed in ink.

- Scholarship Application must be RECEIVED by **March 1st, 2018**, for consideration.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teacher, a coach or business/professional person.
- Include a copy of your school transcripts.
- Email one (1) application packet in PDF or Word from to Melissa@threeriversfoundation.com. Applications can also be mailed to the following address: Three Rivers Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 453, Three Rivers, MI 49093.
- Each packet must include the following, in this particular order:

1. 2018 TRACF Common Scholarship Application
2. Scholarship Essay Attachments
3. 2 Letters of recommendation
4. School transcript

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****INCLUDE WITH TRACF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION****

If you are applying for the Gary L. Cottingham Scholarship please complete the following:

1. Name: _____
2. Write a brief statement of your values system.

3. Write a statement of how athletics have influenced your values system.

4. **Financial Information**

Gross family income, based on current year tax return:

_____ Less than \$30,000	_____ \$51,000 - \$60,000
_____ \$31,000 - \$40,000	_____ \$60,000 & above
_____ \$41,000 - \$50,000	

Number of dependent children: In your home: _____ Enrolled in college: _____

5. Write a brief statement explaining why you should be chosen to receive this scholarship.