

Frank & Mary Alice Godeke Scholarship Fund

Application & Guidelines

The Frank and Mary Alice Godeke Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial aid scholarships to graduates of Richland County High School to assist them in obtaining bachelor degrees or higher degrees. Emphasis will be placed on those students obtaining degrees in the field of humanities; however, scholarships are not limited to only the humanities field.

Criteria and eligibility for Godeke Scholarship Fund applicants:

- Applicants must be a current or prior Richland County High School graduate, formerly East Richland High School.
- Applicants must be pursuing a bachelor degree or higher with emphasis in the field of humanities, but not limited to only the humanities field.
- Applicants must have demonstrated academic ability throughout their course of studies, shown leadership abilities in both school related activities and in their community, and be of good moral character.
- Applicants must maintain full-time enrollment status at the college or university of their choice.

Additional information:

- Scholarships will be awarded to students based on merit rather than financial need.
- For continuation of the scholarship, award recipients will be required to maintain full-time enrollment status and a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 or equivalent scale. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
- Recipients of the scholarship may continue to apply annually for the scholarship until their degree has been received.
- Scholarships awarded annually shall be at least two and no more than four recipients.

Applications are available through the Richland County High School Guidance Office, Olney Central College Financial Aid Office and First National Bank in Olney. You may also visit www.fnbolney.com, Services, Trust Services, for the link to the grant application.

Completed applications should be submitted to First National Bank in Olney Trust Department by the end of business March 1st of each year. If March 1st should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, applications are due the next business day.

Recipients will be chosen by the Godeke Scholarship Committee and First National Bank in Olney, as Trustee. All awards will be based on the funds available for distribution and the number of qualified applicants being considered. This applies to both new scholarship awards and the renewal of current scholarship recipients.

Advisory Committee is comprised of one member of:

- The faculty at Richland County High School
- The faculty at Olney Central College
- The Board of Education of the Richland County Community Unit School District #1
- The Board of Directors of the Education Resources Foundation For Academic Excellence

Administered by: First National Bank in Olney Trust Department
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Section I: Frank & Mary Alice Godeke Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Year Graduated from RCHS, formerly ERHS _____

High School GPA _____

College I attend/plan to attend _____

College Course of Study _____

Expected College Graduation Date _____

Current College GPA _____

Current College Enrollment Status ____ Full-Time ____ Part-Time

Signature of Applicant _____

Section II: Essay Requirements

1. On a separate sheet(s), please tell us about yourself, your family, your life's ambitions and goals and how you feel this scholarship would impact you.
2. On a separate sheet(s), please indicate the college you plan to attend, why you chose this college, the course of study you have chosen for college and why you chose this course of study.
3. On a separate sheet, please list any achievements, honors, awards, extracurricular activities or community service projects that you have been involved in.
4. On a separate sheet(s), please choose two of the extracurricular activities or community service projects that you have been involved in and that you are most passionate about and describe:
 - these activities or projects,
 - why you chose them,
 - how you have been involved in them, and
 - how they have impacted you as a person.
5. If you are a past recipient of this award, tell us about your life and studies currently and how the scholarship award has impacted you.

Section III: Application Requirements

1. Deadline for application is March 1st of each year. If March 1st should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, applications are due the next business day. Please submit **five identical collated copies in the following order:**
 - Section I of the application
 - Supporting essays, each essay on a separate sheet of paper, as listed above in Section II
 - If you are a prior RCHS graduate, formerly ERHS, please submit a copy of your high school diploma.
 - High School or College Transcript – **one official copy from the school or University you are currently attending is required** (the other 4 copies may be unofficial)
2. Each collated copy of the application, essays and transcript must be stapled – no paper clips, cover pages or folders of any type.
3. Completed applications should be forwarded to:
 - First National Bank in Olney
Attn: Trust Department
101 E. Main St.
PO Box 100
Olney, IL 62450

** Please Note: Incomplete applications, applications received after the deadline or applications that do not follow the instructions in Section III will not be considered for awards. There is no guarantee of funding.