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**Gull Lake Ministries Family Vacation Scholarship Program**

Thank you for your interest in attending a Family Vacation at Gull Lake Ministries! Our mission is to exalt Jesus Christ, proclaim the Word of God, encourage personal commitment to Christ, share God’s work around the world and provide opportunity for physical refreshment and spiritual renewal. If you feel you are in need of refreshment and family rejuvenation, but you need financial assistance to make it happen, please consider applying for a scholarship.

The Gull Lake Ministries Family Vacation Scholarship is made possible through the donations of generous and caring people who have experienced Gull Lake and understand the valuable impact a week of family camp can have on a family.

*HOW YOU CAN APPLY*

1. Please prayerfully consider the amount you can personally contribute to the cost. It is expected that you would contribute as much as you possibly can toward the cost of the family vacation; an installment payment plan is available.

2. Help us understand your situation by thoroughly filling out the Scholarship Application. Complete the application online and return via email (scholarships@gulllake.org), fax (269-201-2363) or mail (1988 Midlake Dr. Hickory Corners, MI 49060).

3. A member of our staff will contact you with information on your scholarship approval and award.

**SCHOLARSHIP FAQs**

**Who is eligible?** Our scholarship fund is designed for military, ministry and in-need families. Military families with one parent deployed overseas will be given top consideration for scholarships. We especially encourage new families (who have never attended Gull Lake Ministries before or who have not received a scholarship in the past) to apply. Applicants who have received assistance in the past may be eligible for a scholarship again. Full-time Pastors are eligible for the Pastor’s Discount; please contact 269-671-5155 ext. 204 for more information on this discount.

**Where does the money come from?** Our scholarship fund is provided through generous donations, mostly from other family campers.

**Does it cover ALL Housing & Program Fees?** We expect each family to contribute as much as they can towards the cost of family camp. Meal plans are not considered for scholarship funding, just the housing fee (which includes the programming fees). We weigh each family’s need (using the government poverty criteria), current situation, past attendance, and available scholarship funds to provide each family with the appropriate scholarship award. Any portion not covered by scholarships must be paid for by the family.

**Will I definitely receive a scholarship?** Due to the high volume of scholarship applications that we receive and the increasing financial need, we have had to become progressively selective and prayerful as we award funds. We encourage interested families to apply, regardless of whether or not they have received a scholarship in the past. *However, yearly applicants will likely be awarded a scholarship on an every other year basis.* The distribution of funds depends heavily upon incoming donations and the volume of scholarship applications received. If your family has accepted a scholarship *within the last 3 years,* we ask that you fully disclose fund(s) awarded each year.

Please do not be dissuaded from applying if you have recently received a scholarship. We will continue to prayerfully appropriate funds and do all we can to get your family here.

**Will I get the week and accommodation I want?** Maybe. The dates for family camp and housing are based on availability. Lower attendance weeks are designated for scholarship use. Other housing restrictions may apply to your scholarship and they will be clearly outlined to you if you receive a scholarship.

**When can I apply?** Scholarship applications will be accepted **beginning April 1st.** The reason for the delayed date of April 1 is so the scholarship committee can have most of the applications in hand, allowing for the best evaluation of the applications and a fairer distribution of awards. Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status within the month of May. We will continue to accept applications until our funds are depleted.

*For further information on Gull Lake Ministries, our scholarship program or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Tom Bos at 269-671-5155 ext. 204 or* *scholarships@gulllake.org**.*

**Gull Lake Ministries 2020 Scholarship Request**

*Please answer all questions* ***thoroughly*** *in order to be considered.*

Have you attended GLM in the past? If yes, what event and when did you attend?

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Have you received a scholarship award within the last 3 years? If you have, how much were you awarded and in what year?

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If you are awarded a scholarship, choose week preferred (subject to availability):

Week 1, June 13-19\_\_\_\_ Week 2, June 20-26\_\_\_\_ Week 9, August 8-14\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Contact Information** Applicant must be 18+ years of age.

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Day Time Phone Evening Phone Email Address

**Dependent Information**

Name Relationship Birth Date Grade in Fall

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**Employment Information**

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 Applicant’s Employer Employer Phone

\_\_\_ Full Time

\_\_\_ Part Time

\_\_\_ Self Employed

\_\_\_ Seasonal Work

\_\_\_ Unemployed

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 Spouse Employer Employer Phone

\_\_\_ Full Time

\_\_\_ Part Time

\_\_\_ Self Employed

\_\_\_ Seasonal Work

\_\_\_ Unemployed

Is spouse currently deployed overseas on active duty in the US military? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No

**Household Income Information**

Applicant’s **Annual Gross** Employment Income $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse **Annual Gross** Employment Income $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Household Gross Annual Income**

(Including disability, child support, and any other sources): $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Household Contribution Information** Please estimate the following costs based on your family size and needs using the 2020 Accommodations and Dining & Add-Ons Rate Sheets available at www.gulllake.org/downloads.

Estimated accommodation cost:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Estimated meal plan cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much are you able to contribute toward your total cost of housing?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(As stated on the Scholarship FAQs, meal plans are not eligible for scholarship awards.)

**Special Circumstances**

Does any member of your family have a special need or disability? If yes, please explain.

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Are there special circumstances we should consider when reviewing your scholarship request? If yes, please explain.

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By signing this application, I certify that the information on this form is true and complete. I understand that this documentation will be used to assess my fees to attend Gull Lake Ministries. Please turn in the form to Tom Bos by email (scholarships@gulllake.org), fax (269.201.2363) or mail it to 1988 Midlake Dr. Hickory Corners, MI 49060.

Scholarships are for one-year only. New applications must be completed annually.

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Signature of Applicant (must be at least 18) Date

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Housing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Balance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship Award:

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Exec. Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_