

Elmer L. Gordon Scholarship

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District will award the Elmer L. Gordon Scholarship to assist in the future education of Rush-Henrietta graduates.

This award is given annually to a graduating senior.

DESCRIPTION & REQUIREMENTS

The Elmer L. Gordon Scholarship recognizes students whose activities while attending school or whose intended fields of future study reflect the values, goals, and areas of interest advanced by Mr. Gordon during his lifetime. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. Outstanding participation in activities which further the goal of improved human relations within the school community.
2. Noteworthy participation in athletics and/or future study in physical education and/or coaching.
3. Commendable achievement in, or future study in, the field of chemistry.
4. Meritorious participation in district music programs or intended future study in music.
5. Interest in the area of rehabilitation of the physically handicapped.

AMOUNT OF AWARD(S)

Up to \$1,000

SELECTION PROCESS

The members of the Board of Education will make all decisions in respect to the administration and use of the Elmer Gordon Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the high school College & Career Center. A personal interview will be required of all finalists. Interviews will be held prior to the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the John W. Parker Administration Building.

DEADLINE

March 3, 2017

Elmer L. Gordon

Elmer L. Gordon combined a career as a prominent medical investigator with leadership in civic activities. He brought to everything he did a special persistence and determination. Outspoken, blunt, direct, Mr. Gordon believed citizens had a responsibility to become involved in their community.

As a forensic toxicologist with the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office, Mr. Gordon built a national reputation as an expert in poisons and their detection. He was one of only 100 toxicologists licensed by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists. From 1969 until his death, he shared his expertise with medical students at the University of Rochester where he was an associate in pharmacology.

With four children attending Rush-Henrietta schools, Mr. Gordon was elected to the Board of Education in 1970. As president from 1976 to 1978, he brought a no-nonsense approach to board business. As advocate of the taxpayer and of young people, he believed in giving students a firm academic foundation, but also called on educators to step up efforts to prepare students for jobs as well as college. He took special interest in school sports and school musical concerts and plays.

Mr. Gordon served as president of the Monroe County School Boards Association. He was an organizing member of the Henrietta Youth Board and served on the town of Henrietta's Cable Television Committee. Mr. Gordon served on the board of directors of the Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis Association and he was on the board of the Al Sigl Center.

In all his activities, Mr. Gordon stressed two themes: "Young people are our most important resource," and "People have a responsibility to their community to change things by getting involved, taking the risks and the responsibility."

In recognition of Mr. Gordon's outstanding public service and civic leadership, the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District has established an Elmer Gordon Scholarship Fund to assist in the future education of Rush-Henrietta graduates.

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Board of Education**

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Application for: **Elmer L. Gordon Scholarship**

Return to: R-H Counseling Center no later than March 3, 2017

****IMPORTANT****
**Please attach an up-to-date
school transcript to this application.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Staff:

Please send completed applications to:

Karen Flanigan, School District Clerk
Rush-Henrietta Central School District
2034 Lehigh Station Road
Henrietta, NY 14467

Last Name _____

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ACTIVITIES: List your school and community activities in order of their interest to you.

Activity	Leadership position held	Hours per week and number of years in activity
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HONORS: List any special honors you have won, either in or out of school.

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_____	_____
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ATHLETICS: List all sports you have participated in while in high school.

Sport	Level	Grade
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_____	_____	_____
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MUSIC: List all music programs you have participated in while in high school.

Area of Study (band/chorus/orchestra) or Participation in Event	Grade
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_____	_____

Last Name _____

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FUTURE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

In the order of your preference,
list those colleges you have applied
to, or areas of higher learning of interest.

Anticipated area of study

Accepted Y/N

YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE: List part-time and summer jobs you have held.

Employer

Your duties

Dates of employment

EXPERIENCE WITH THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED:

Activity

Dates

Last Name _____

ELMER GORDON SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

The Elmer L. Gordon Scholarship awards recognize students whose activities and values reflect those of Mr. Gordon during his lifetime. Using the criteria on the cover page of this packet, in one page or less, tell us how your experiences in the community, at school, and at home reflect these values and interests. Tell us how you have impacted your community and the lives of those around you. This is your opportunity to tell us what you know about Mr. Gordon, why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship, and to share additional information about yourself, as the Board of Education considers candidates for this scholarship.