

2019-20 Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The German American Club of Sarasota (GASCoS) has established the Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor and further the education of persons who plan to continue his/her German studies selected by the GASCoS Scholarship Selection Committee pursuant to the following criteria.

The award is presented by the GASCoS Scholarship Selection Committee. Funding for the program comes from the annual Sommerfest Celebration hosted by the GASCoS. Scholarship awards range from \$200 to more than \$500 based on the applicant's academics, letters of recommendation, proof of current enrollment in German classes, extracurricular activities, research paper and essay.

ELIGIBILITY

German Studies

We seek to promote the study of the German language and participation in German cultural activities. It is in Otto Springman's memory that our GASCoS Scholarship Selection Committee will provide a scholarship to deserving students who plan to continue his/her German studies at an accredited college or community college.

Residency

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must be from Sarasota/Manatee County, but may be going to school out of state or out of the country.

Scholastic Standing - First time applicants

Applicants applying as entering freshman must have been accepted as a full-time student, as defined by that institution, at an accredited college or community college and must have maintained a scholastic grade point average 3.0 or better for the two (2) years of high school study preceding their application, as well as current enrollment in German studies. If a first-time applicant is currently enrolled in college, he/she must have carried a minimum of ten (10) hours credit or equivalent and have maintained a cumulative 3.0 grade point average and show current enrollment in German studies.

Scholastic Standing - Applicants who have previously received an Otto Springman Memorial scholarship

Applicants must have carried a minimum of ten (10) credit hours (or full time equivalent in post-graduate programs), have maintained a cumulative 2.67 grade point average, and show current enrollment in German studies.

All applicants shall provide documentation of the institution's letter grade equivalency for any grade point averages submitted.

APPLICATIONS

All applications and other required materials must be received at the GASCoS Post Office Box by June 28, 2019 (not just postmarked) in order to be considered for the 2019-2020 academic year.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

First-time applicants and applicants who have not previously been awarded an Otto Springman memorial scholarship, must furnish two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters should address the student's scholastic ability, character and worthiness to receive a merit award and be from three of the following: (a) a professor or teacher; (b) an employer; (c) an advisor from a volunteer or extracurricular activity; or (d) a coach from a sport in which you were an athlete.

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the German American Social Club of Sarasota by the author or in a sealed envelope signed by the author over the seal. All letters must be received by June 28, 2019 (not just postmarked) or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

TRANSCRIPTS

Entering freshmen (high school graduate as of July 1): A copy of the student's transcript for the preceding two (2) years of high school must be included.

College sophomore (freshman year completed as of July 1): A copy of the student's college spring semester grades. If the applicant is not a previous recipient of this scholarship also include a copy of the high school transcript.

All others: A copy of the student's college transcript(s), including spring semester grades.

Transcripts must be received no later than June 28, 2019 (not just postmarked) or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

A RESEARCH PAPER

All first-time applicants and applicants who have not previously been awarded an Otto Springman memorial scholarship, shall complete a research paper on the importance of learning a second language, such as German. The paper must be submitted in typed form and double spaced. See additional requirements on the topic list on page 7.

The research paper is optional for previous Otto Springman memorial scholarship award recipients. Applicants who do not submit a research paper will be limited to an award of less than \$500. To be considered for an award greater than \$500 the applicant must complete the research paper and have a minimum GPA of 2.8. Please note: Submitting a research paper does not guarantee scholarship award will exceed \$500. Please see the approved topic list for previous recipient research papers and requirements.

A BRIEF ESSAY (250-300 words)

All applicants must write a brief essay which shall be submitted in typed form and double spaced.

First-time applicants and applicants who have not previously been awarded an Otto Springman memorial scholarship, write on what you consider your greatest accomplishment or life-changing experience so far.

Previous recipients, evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced within the past year and its impact on you.

*Research paper and/or brief essay may be typed in German or English.

AWARDS

The GASCoS Scholarship Selection Committee shall base its awards upon scholastic achievement, character and worthiness.

Awards shall be transmitted to the academic institution for the spring semester of study. Failure to request the funds within 45 days of the announcement of the awards may be grounds for forfeiture of the award. Any excess award funds must be returned to the German American Social Club of Sarasota within the year received.

The Scholarship Selection Committee may require first-time award recipient to attend a designated German American Social Club of Sarasota Event to receive his or her award. The committee may also request that they be thanked in German.

2019-20 Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address (to send information relating to scholarship application): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Phone: _____ Applicant e-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Phone: _____ This # should be the best way to reach your parent/guardian.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

First-Time Applicants / No previous award received

- ___ Application complete
- ___ 1st Letter of recommendation
- ___ 2nd Letter of recommendation
- ___ Transcript – High School
- ___ Transcript – College (including Spring 2019 grades)
- ___ Research paper on the importance of learning a second language
- ___ Essay on greatest accomplishment or life changing experience
- ___ Cumulative GPA 3.0 average or higher
- ___ Proof of enrollment in German studies

Previous Scholarship Recipient Applicants

- ___ Application complete
- ___ Transcript – College (including Spring 2019 grades)
- ___ Essay on a significant experience
- ___ Research paper - OPTIONAL
- ___ Cumulative GPA 2.67 average or higher
- ___ Proof of enrollment in German studies

All materials must be
received
(not postmarked)
by GASCoS
PO Box 1343
Sarasota, FL 34230
on
Friday, June 28, 2019.

2019-20 Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Application

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Education Information

High School Graduating Class of 2019

Name of High School:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Rank in Class: _____ of _____

SAT/ACT: _____ / _____ GPA: (weighted) _____

Name of College planning to attend:

Entrance Year: _____

Colleges accepted to but not attending:

Research Paper Topic: _____

Name of German Professor: _____

I have studied German for _____ years.

College Students

Name of College: (Undergraduate)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Year of Enrollment: _____

Year of Graduation: (anticipated) _____

GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Name of College: (Graduate)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Year of Enrollment: _____

Year of Graduation: (anticipated) _____

GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Research Paper Topic: _____

Name of German Professor: _____

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Full Name of Applicant: _____

Additional information about the applicant (Please feel free to attach supplemental information)

In what activities / clubs / sports have you participated: (List activity and year participated)

Please list all charity / volunteer work and paid employment, including the number of hours per week.

Reasons for applying for this award:

What course of study / career path do you intend to follow:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN BY Friday, June 28, 2019
German American Social Club of Sarasota
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
PO BOX 1343
Sarasota, FL 34230

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2019 RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS

Applicants may answer any or all parts of the question in their research paper.

Papers will be reviewed based on quality, length and content.

Papers may be written in English or German.

ALL FIRST TIME APPLICANTS and APPLICANTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARDED A OTTO SPRINGMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (no matter the level of study)

1. What are three different benefits of learning a second language?

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

1. Technology has become an integral part of our everyday lives. Discuss three different ways technology can improve learning a secondary language.
2. GASCoS is worried that the younger German generations in our community will not continue with the German traditions, customs and language. Explore solutions to the impending losses and what GASCoS can do to be part of the solution.
3. The majority of our GASCoS members are German. What are the benefits of them teaching German to their kids and grandkids, the challenges faced and the long term successes for a family speaking German together? What are some implications? What processes and planning can be put in place to ensure German families to continue speaking German for future generations?

ALL PAPERS

- PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN TYPED FORM AND DOUBLE SPACED IN ENGLISH OR GERMAN - Submit on a disk or by e-mail in Microsoft Word.
- MINIMUM OF THREE (3) REFERENCES, INCLUDING ONE PRIMARY SOURCE (LIVE INTERVIEW).
- MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) INTERNET REFERENCES
- MUST BE BETWEEN 700 - 1,500 WORDS. PAPERS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR CONTENT AND QUALITY.
- BIBLIOGRAPHY MUST BE INCLUDED

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Sarasota, FL 34230

Questions?
Call: 941-350-1738
e-mail documents to herke2@msn.com

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