Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The German-American Club of Sarasota (GASC) has established the Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor and further the education of persons who plan to continue his/her German studies. These persons are selected by the GASC Scholarship Selection Committee, and the award of scholarship is presented by the GASC Scholarship Selection Committee.

Scholarship awards range from $200 to more than $500 based on the applicant's academics, at least one letter of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and purpose statement.

ELIGIBILITY

German Studies

In memory of Otto Springman's an original charter member of the GASC, we seek to promote the study of the German language and participation in German cultural activities by offering this scholarship to deserving students who plan to continue his/her German studies

OR

German Ancestry

We seek to promote the participation of German cultural activities by offering this scholarship to deserving students who are of German ancestry (candidate must have at least one parent of German origin/decent) and are enrolled at an accredited university, college, or community college (Institution).

Residency

The applicant must be a resident of Sarasota/Manatee County, but may attend an out-of-State school or foreign Institution.

Scholastic Standing - First time applicants

Applicants applying as entering freshman must have been accepted as a full-time student, as defined by that Institution, and must have maintained a scholastic grade point average (GPA) 3.0 or better in your senior year of high school, as well as fulfilling eligibility requirements mentioned above. If a first-time applicant is currently enrolled in an Institution, he/she must have carried a minimum of ten (10) hours credit or equivalent and have maintained a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

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) and have maintained a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

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 as indicated below must be received at the GASC Post Office Box by June 30, of the year of enrollment to be considered for the academic year starting in that year.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

First-time applicants and applicants who have not previously been awarded an Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship, must furnish at least one (1) letter of recommendation. The letter should address the student's scholastic ability, character, and worthiness to receive a merit award and be from one 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 the applicant was an athlete.

TRANSCRIPTS

Entering freshmen (high school graduate as of July 1): A copy of the student's transcripts (report card) from their senior year of high school must be included.

College sophomore (freshman year completed as of July 1): A copy of the student's college spring semester transcript.

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

A PURPOSE STATEMENT (250 – 500 words)

All applicants shall complete a purpose statement on one of the topics listed under "Purpose Statement Topics" below. The paper must be submitted in typed form and double spaced and may be in German or English. See additional requirements on the topic list below.

AWARDS

The GASC Scholarship Selection Committee shall base its awards upon the evaluation of all the documents received. Awards shall be transmitted to the academic institution for the spring semester of study. The Scholarship Selection Committee may require the first-time award recipient to attend a designated GASC event to receive acknowledgement of his/her award. The committee may also request that the recipient give a short speech in German.

Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name of Applicant: _____

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

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City: _____State:_____ Zip: _____

Applicant Phone: _____ Applicant email: _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18):_____

Parent Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent email: _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

First-Time Applicants /
No previous award received

___ Application complete
___ Letter(s) of recommendation
___ Transcript – Senior Year High School
___ Transcript – College (including Spring grades)
___ Purpose Statement
___ Cumulative GPA 3.0 average or higher
___ Proof of eligibility requirements

Previous Scholarship Recipient Applicants

___ Application complete
___ Transcript – College (including Spring grades)
___ Purpose statement
___ Cumulative GPA 3.0 average or higher
___ Proof of eligibility requirements

All materials must be received
(not postmarked) by the
German-American Social Club of Sarasota
521 Chipping Lane
Longboat Key, FL 34228
OR email to herke2@msn.com
by June 30, of that scholastic year

Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Application

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Education Information

High School Graduating Class of _____

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:

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Purpose Statement Topic: _____

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Name of German Professor (if applicable): _____

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I have studied German for _____ years.

German proficiency:
Beginner ( ) Conversation ( ) Fluent ( )

College Students

Name of College: (Undergraduate)

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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: _____

Purpose Statement Topic: _____

_____

Name of German Professor (if applicable):

_____

I have studies German for _____ years.
German proficiency:
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Otto Springman Memorial Scholarship Application

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)

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

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Reasons for applying for this award:

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

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18): _____Date: _____

RETURN BY June 30, of that scholastic year to: German American Social Club of Sarasota Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee, 521 Chipping Lane, Longboat Key, FL 34228
OR email to herke2@msn.com

All materials must be **received** (not just postmarked) in the GASC PO Box or per email on June 30, of that scholastic year.

PURPOSE STATEMENT TOPICS

Applicants may answer any or all parts of the question in their purpose statement.
Papers will be reviewed based on quality, length, and content.
Papers may be written in English or German.

1. What do you think are the benefits of learning a second language?

2. Technology has become an integral part of our everyday lives. Discuss ways technology can improve learning a second language.

3. GASC is concerned 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 GASC can do to be part of the solution.

4. The majority of our GASC 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?

5. Topic of choice in reference to Germany or the German culture.

ALL PAPERS

• PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN TYPED FORM AND DOUBLE SPACED IN ENGLISH OR GERMAN.

• MUST BE BETWEEN 250-500 WORDS. PAPERS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR CONTENT AND QUALITY.

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Questions?
Call: 941-350-1738