



Gilman School District
Home of the Pirates

Matching Opportunity: **Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund**

Dear Pirate Supporters,

Now more than ever, students face numerous challenges in pursuit of higher education and training. Perhaps the most daunting is the financial challenge of affordability. Through the generosity of one of our own alumni, we have the opportunity to ease the financial burden for Gilman students seeking to further their education.

Our goal is to build and grow the Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund that will provide scholarships to Gilman students in their pursuit of education. An anonymous alum donor has committed to seeding the fund with an initial \$10,000 gift and has further committed a match of up to \$10,000 for any donations made by January 31, 2025.

The intention of the scholarship is to recognize students who put forth extraordinary effort to do their best in the classroom and have overcome significant obstacles or adversity. The Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund has an interest in awarding students that seek a technical school education and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

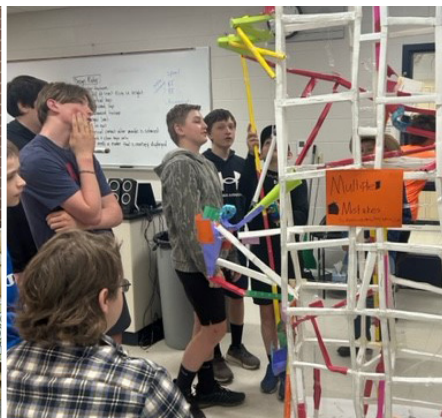
The Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund will be managed by the Eau Claire Community Foundation (ECCF), whose goal is to create endowments that fund community needs in perpetuity. All gifts to the fund will follow ECCF's investment and distribution policies that guide the investment of funds and determine the annual spendable amounts for scholarships to Gilman students.

Together, we will help start the fund with a minimum balance of \$15,000, which would provide one \$500 scholarship every year, forever. The scholarship amount would increase to \$1,000 once the fund reaches \$27,000. As the fund grows, we are excited to see the number of scholarships and scholarship amounts grow as well.

Please consider a gift to the scholarship fund and help make higher education more attainable for those students that seek it. Whether you have the capacity to give \$5 or \$5,000, please know that every gift is important. For additional information regarding the scholarship fund or other ways to make a difference in the life of our young adults, please reach out and let us discuss how we can work together to bridge our students to the training they seek.

Please make a difference!

Wally Leipart, Superintendent, Gilman School District



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY HELPING A PIRATE

with a matching opportunity for the Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund!

Giving is good, but doubling your gift is even better! Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the first \$10,000 donated to the Gilman Alumni Scholarship Fund will be matched through January 2025. Every gift to this Fund will mean that graduates of Gilman High School will have twice the support in pursuing their post-secondary education in a STEM field.

GILMAN ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Your support will enrich the futures of Pirates in our hometown forever.

I/We would like to support the Gilman Alumni Scholarship with a gift of \$ _____

Name/Business: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

(Optional Tribute Information) In Honor of: In Memory of: _____

Send a letter acknowledging my gift to:

Name/Business: _____

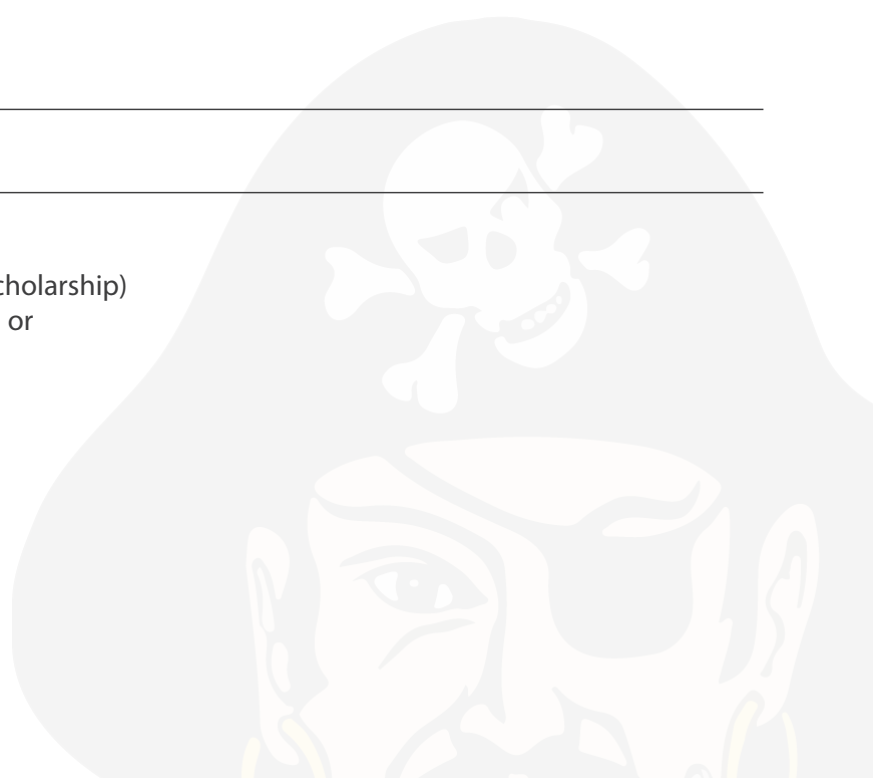
Address: _____

Make checks payable to ECCF (memo: Gilman Alumni Scholarship)

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