

## The Thomas J. Gray Eagle Scout Scholarship

**What:** A \$5,000 scholarship for an Eagle Scout who plans to (or is currently) remain actively involved with Scouting while in college. Preference will be given to local and regional schools. This is a one-time award, but may be reapplied for in subsequent years as long as eligible.

**Requirements:** Lake Erie Council Eagle Scouts who are, or about to become, high school graduates pursuing higher education and freshman, sophomore and junior Eagle Scouts already enrolled at a four year institution are eligible for the award. This scholarship is mostly merit based, but also requires a declaration of need (ie: "but-for" this scholarship the student would not be able to attend the selected University without extensive or crippling student debt). Applicants must:

1. Exemplify the spirit and character that is embodied in the rank of Eagle Scout;
2. Continue their leadership position within their troop serving to mentor younger Scouts as they reach to achieve their own potential while attending college;
3. Serve as an ambassador for the Boy Scouts and the Lake Erie Council;
4. If already enrolled, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
5. If a high school senior, be accepted to, and committed to enter, the University starting in the fall semester after their graduation.

Note: The scholarship will be paid directly to the University.

**Background:** This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Thomas J. and Marjorie S. Gray Foundation. Tom earned his Eagle Scout Award with 4 Palms in 1930 as a member of Troop 52 in Lakewood. Mr. Gray graduated from Kenyon College in 1937 with a B.A. in Economics, from Cleveland Law School with a J.D. in 1941 and Western Reserve University, Master in Science, Chemistry in 1955. These degrees enabled Mr. Gray to become a Patent Attorney. He began his career with Sherwin Williams in 1937. In 1951, he joined Switzer Brothers, Inc. (Day-Glo Corp) and retired as the Vice President International and House Counsel in 1989. Marjorie was the Treasurer for the company. They are the parents of two Eagle Scout sons.

Over the years, Tom held almost every Scouting leadership position. For the last 15 years of his life, Tom served as a Campmaster or a Summer Camp Commissioner at Beaumont! Tom received both the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver in 1977, and also held the National Scoutmaster Award and the National Distinguished Commissioner Award. He held a Doctor of Commissioner Science from the University of Scouting and served as a faculty member. He was an 85-year veteran of Scouting at the time of his death in 2014. At the time of his passing, he was working to create the foundation to carry forward his legacy helping young men build character and leadership abilities.

**Application:** If you are interested in being considered for the award, please submit the following materials by the application deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Culeen Carey at (216)458-8948.

1. An essay describing what your service to the Boy Scouts means to you in your career development. The essay should not exceed one double-sided page.
2. At least one letter of recommendation from your troop leader;
3. At least one letter of recommendation from a youth leader in your troop;
4. A letter of recommendation from an academic reference (preferably, your advisor);
5. A copy of your academic record;
6. A confidential financial statement (sealed in a separate envelope) from your parent(s) or guardian(s) describing the sources of funds that are available to support your education. The statement should show why this scholarship is necessary for you to attend the University (see definition above).

**Submit:** All materials by 3 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup> (including the form on the reverse of this page) to:

Lake Erie Council, BSA  
Attn.: Culeen Carey  
Ref: Thomas J. Gray Eagle Scout Scholarship  
2241 Woodland Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

## The Thomas J. Gray Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Form

<b>Tell us about you:</b>							
Name:							
Address:							
Phone:		Email:					
High School:		Graduation Year:		GPA:			
University of Choice:							
Intended Major (if known):							
Birthday	MM/DD/YY	Joined Scouting:	MM/DD/YY	Obtained Eagle:	MM/DD/YY		
Other Scouting awards/honors:							
Non-Scouting awards/honors:							
What do you consider your greatest accomplishment so far?							
Do you have a major goal in life?							
<b>Tell us about your parent(s)/guardian(s):</b>							
Name:							
Address:							
Phone:		Email:					
<i>Note: if you do not live with both of your parents, please provide contact information for both:</i>							
Name:							
Address:							
Phone:		Email:					

I understand the requirements of the Thomas J. Gray Eagle Scout Scholarship and agree to be bound by those terms. I wish my application to be considered and understand that my background will be examined to determine if I am appropriate for this award. I certify that all statements made as a part of this application process are true and accurate and that I may not receive the award, or may lose it after, if any statements are found to be untrue.

Signature of Eagle Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your application. All candidates will be notified of the foundation's decision by letter.