

# GOODWILL COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND "EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY, CHANGING LIVES" COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

A one-time \$500 scholarship awarded to a graduating High School senior that resides full time in the Highland Lakes Community, has been involved in a volunteer activity and plans to continue their education at a Vocational/Trade School, College or University.

## Purpose

The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund (GCOF) is a passionate, volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a vibrant, multi-generational community where neighbors connect, support and uplift one another. In awarding this scholarship, one of the goals of the GCOF is to create an awareness of the benefits in volunteerism for the young people in our community, hoping they will develop the passion to serve and help others throughout their lives.

# Eligibility Criteria for Community Scholarship

- 1. The eligible student must be a graduating high school senior, reside full time in the Highland Lakes Community and continue their education at an accredited Vocational/Trade school or College/University.
- 2. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, current or previous volunteer experience, and an acceptance letter from the school that they plan to attend.
- 3. The applicant must provide a response essay to the 3 prompts in the application. The application will be evaluated on the specific criteria.
- 4. Each applicant **must submit** their latest High School school transcript, an acceptance letter from the school they plan to attend and proof of home address if not listed on the transcript.
- 5. The completed application must be postmarked by May 1, 2025.
- 6. Mail the completed application to:

The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund P.O. Box 95 Highland Lakes, NJ 07422 Attn: Scholarship Committee



# Goodwill Community Outreach Fund Scholarship Application

## Deadline: Postmarked by May 1st

| Applicant First Name:       | Applicant Last Name: |
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| Home Address (no PO Boxes): |                      |

### Please attach a response essay to each of the 3 Prompts.

#### (Please submit Original essays only. No AI generated responses.)

With many individuals and groups in need of some form of assistance, it is the opinion of many that volunteerism is more important today than ever before. These volunteer organizations and individuals help support others in a variety of challenging scenarios that have an impact on helping many individuals and families get through their daily private lives.

**1.** If you were responsible for providing monetary assistance or information to people in your community who were experiencing financial difficulty, how would you go about this in a way to maintain the dignity and confidentiality of the recipient?

**2.** How might you go about planning and conducting fundraising events or activities to raise money for members of your community experiencing financial difficulties?

**3.** Share your current or previous volunteer experience and how it may impact you moving forward.

#### Notification:

After review of the eligibility criteria provided by the applicant, the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund Committee will notify the selected recipient's High School. A member of the GCOF Committee will present the award to the recipient at their high school's Annual Scholarship Event.