



***Construction Angels "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" Program***

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019**

**Purpose**

Construction Angels, Inc. (CA) is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit charity that provides immediate financial assistance and grief counseling to the children and spouse left behind when a construction worker has a fatality on the jobsite. Construction Angels of Florida is excited to announce, The Construction Angels "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" Program (CA-GFSF), which provides financial assistance to help the sons and daughters of workers killed in the line of duty to pursue post-high school education within the construction industry, as well as its supporting associations' Members' children. Scholarships are awarded annually. The Scholarship program was launched in August, 2018 by Kristi Ronyak and Richard Gibbs III of Deerfield Beach, FL. It is supported by contributions from all types of firms, executives and construction associations within the industry. Applications are available for the 2019 school term of enrollment!

**Eligibility**

Eligibility for applicants of the "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" need to have a parent as a Member of one of the CA's supporting Construction Associations (listed below within the Construction Angels network of associations) that are furthering their education within the construction industry, or have lost their parent due to an on the jobsite fatality who were killed in the line of duty that want to pursue post-high school education within the construction industry. \*The applicant's Parent must be a current Member in good standing of a CA supporting Construction Associations in the state of Florida whom is applying for financial aid towards an education within the construction industry. Associations may have as many applicant's enter as they wish, however, no Association may receive multiple Scholarships.

**\*Construction Angels of Florida Construction Association Network**

***Associated General Contractors Florida East Coast Chapter, Construction Executives Association, Construction Financial Management Association Dade Chapter, Engineering Contractors Association of South Florida, Florida Transportation Builders Association, Suncoast Utility Contractors Association, Underground Contractors Association of South Florida, Underground Contractors Association of Southwest Florida***

**Educational Institution Requirements**

The applicant must use the scholarship award to attend a post-secondary institution of learning in the construction industry that requires a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalent Degree (G.E.D.) for admission. This could include any public or private: (a) four-year accredited college or university; (b) two-year accredited college; or (c) vocational technical college or construction training institution.

### **Amount of Scholarship**

The scholarships, which are competitive, have a minimum value of \$1,000 and up to \$3,500. Judges will award the greatest value scholarship to the highest scoring application and award additional scholarships in descending order of value and merit (scoring will not be divulged).

Award amounts will vary based on needs and available funds

### **Scholarship Award Disbursement**

The scholarship award year is defined as April 1 through March 31 of the following year. An application packet must be submitted annually for consideration. Scholarship award money will be deposited by the Construction Angels charity with the university, college or institution of higher learning to which the student is admitted, accepted and will attend. The award money is credited to an account that is established in the individual's name at the school. It can be drawn by the recipient for: (a) fees or charges required for tuition; (b) expenses for text books, course work, lab fees and other materials as required by a course instructor (e.g., goggles, art/drawing supplies, glass slides, etc.) for required course assignments or projects; and (c) fees or charges for room and board while attending school. Scholarship awards are not transferable to another individual or institution and are forfeited by the recipient upon withdrawal from the institution where the scholarship award was disbursed by the *Construction Angels "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" Program*, or upon failure to meet the institution's appropriate standards of academic achievement, conduct, or character. If the recipient is diagnosed post-award by a board-certified medical physician as having a chronic or acute illness or traumatic injury that makes it impossible for the recipient to enter or continue his or her academic studies, the scholarship award money will be held for the recipient's academic use by the CA-GFSF for up to 12 months. A letter from the physician to the CA-GFSF must be received within 60 days of diagnosis. In the event a scholarship recipient's educational endeavors are interrupted during the scholarship award year because he or she is called to active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code or National Guard Duty in State Status, the scholarship award money will be held for the recipient by the CA-GFSF for up to 24 months, unless the time for active duty is extended by the military authority.

Any scholarship award recipient leaving the U.S. Armed Services or National Guard duty must reapply for reinstatement of the scholarship moneys or the remaining portion of scholarship moneys within 90 days after severance from duty.

### **2019 – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Please complete the application in accordance with the instructions and return it electronically to the Construction Angels office no later than April 1, 2019. You may also mail the completed application, which must be postmarked by April 1, 2019. Email Address: [Kristi.Ronyak@ConstructionAngels.us](mailto:Kristi.Ronyak@ConstructionAngels.us).

Mailing Address: 3640-B3 N. Federal Hwy, Suite 132, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064.

All applications will be reviewed, and all applicants will be notified of the names of the award recipients by May 1, 2019. If you have any questions,

please contact Kristi Ronyak, National Executive Director at 754-300-7220 or via email.

### **Application Criteria and Supporting Materials**

All applications must be submitted by April 1 and need to include the following information. Applications that do not provide all the following information will not be considered.

1. A completed and signed application form. Please take your time completing the application, the Scholarship Committee Judges appreciate those that take the application process seriously.
2. An official copy of the applicant's transcript and grade report from the school currently attended or most recently attended. A minimum, cumulative academic performance of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required for consideration.
3. At least two letters of recommendation from teachers in support of the candidate's application. Additional letters from a school administrator, counselor, clergy, work or military supervisor, who can address the qualifications and academic aptitude of the applicant, may also be submitted in

support of the candidate, although they are not necessary for consideration. Do not send letters of recommendation from immediate family members, close family friends, blood relatives, or relatives by marriage.

4. Proof of parent's death in line of duty. (This may be a newspaper clipping with a date the article appeared, a letter from the deceased parent's former employer, have received funds from CA after completed the Construction Angels Assistance Request Form, etc.)
5. Proof of guardianship if not living with surviving parent.
6. A typewritten statement, no more than 500 words, no less than 300 prepared by the applicant that explains his/her reasons for wanting to pursue his/her education in the construction industry.  
Note: Selections will be based on the overall worthiness of the applicant by a panel of judges from the CA-GFSF Committee. This committee will consider test scores, community service, extra-curricular activities, career goals, work experience, essay, financial need and other information required in the application. Judges will decide impartially and without respect to the identity of any application.
7. A recent high-resolution photo of the applicant. Electronic photos are preferred. Files must be 300 dpi or higher and in full-color JPEG, TIFF, or PDF format of less than 10MB. Hard copy photographs are also acceptable but will not be returned.
8. A completed and signed "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) forms for the current year. The FAFSA can be obtained at school guidance offices or via the Internet at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
9. Applicant must provide a copy of his/her most current year's federal tax return and a copy of parent's most current year federal tax return.
10. A copy of the acceptance letter from the college, university, technical school, etc. where the applicant plans to attend.
11. A statement providing the approximate cost of annual tuition and room and board to attend school where scholarship will be applied.

#### **Disclosure**

By applying for the *Construction Angels "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" Program* and providing copies of a personal statement and photograph, the applicant thereby grants permission for CA-GFSF to use the statement and photographs for scholarship-related publicity and promotional purposes.

#### **Application Due Date**

Applications must be submitted online by April 1, 2019. All applications and supporting materials will become the property of the CA-GFSF.

#### **Scholarship Selection & Notification**

A panel of judges from the CA-GFSF Committee selects the scholarship recipients. Scholarship awards will be made on or before May 1. All applicants will be notified of the results of the Selection Committee in writing.

**Construction Angels "Gibbs Family Scholarship Foundation" Program  
2019 – Scholarship Application**

**I. Applicant Information**

Applicant must complete and sign this form. A parent or guardian must also sign the application. Return electronically by the due date to the email address provided below. All questions must be answered. If a question does not apply, write N/A in the space provided. A confirmation will be emailed when received.

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Highschool (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

Year of HS Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ HS Class Standing/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

High School G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

Achievement Test Score (ACT or other, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Descendant (parent who lost their life): \_\_\_\_\_

Company of who the Descendant worked for and date of fatality: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular/Outside Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer hours accumulated in High School, Provide proof: \_\_\_\_\_

Who has made a significant impact on your life and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List Honors, Awards, Prizes or Distinctions you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways have you contributed to your family, community and/or society, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Institution you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

What construction career have you chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

What program does the institution offer related to construction? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to graduate from your institution? \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name & Association your Parent is a Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of employer from above company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Father's Name who works for the employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Add any additional information that you think may be relevant for the judges to consider:

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**II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION** Number of children in family and number at home, not including applicant (*List ages*) \_\_\_\_\_

**III. TUITION** Percentage of tuition being paid by applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of schooling per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Financial Supporting Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other scholarships or financial assistance applied for and list amounts to be awarded (i.e. Bright Futures Scholarship):  
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**IV. ESSAY**

Please submit essay with application: (no more than 500 words, no less than 300), typed on separate page.

- A. What is your construction career objective?
- B. What attracted you to get an education in this industry?
- C. Why did you choose construction and why do you think you are a good fit for this career?
- D. How do you plan to reach your construction career goals?
- E. Why did you choose the institution that you plan to attend?

I certify that the information in this application is complete/accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT & DATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\*By signing your name, you are certifying that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief, and that you the applicant have completed this application.

I approve the submission of this application.

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN & DATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\*By entering your name, you are approving the submission of this application and certifying that you are the parent/guardian of applicant and that the applicant completed the application Date