



Gordon Tech High School

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Application for Tuition Assistance Program (Financial Need) 2011-2012 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Archdiocese of Chicago has a well defined application process and timeline.

Check list for returning the GT Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Application:

1. Fill out the attached GT Common application/tuition assistance form completely and return to Gordon Tech with your Admissions application forms by January 25, 2011.
2. Submit verification of family income:
 - a. 1040 Tax Form for 2010 (if not yet available, please submit 2009)
 - b. Official statements of public aid, social security, unemployment, etc
3. Include a copy of your student's first semester grade report
4. Must register your student by the date in the cover letter, provided that she/he is officially accepted to Gordon Tech High School

All completed applications and forms must be received in the Admissions Office at Gordon Tech High School by Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

Gordon Tech High School Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for tuition assistance?

All families who have a student at or applying to Gordon Tech are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. The process begins with filling out the admissions forms and the GT common application/tuition assistance application. For incoming 9th grade students, a completed admission form must be on-file to be considered. For returning students, tuition must be current be eligible for assistance.

How does the school determine a family's eligibility for tuition assistance?

All tuition assistance granted is based on financial need. This is determined from a combination of the Common application/tuition assistance application and requested forms submitted to Gordon Tech. There is no maximum or minimum family income limits that affect eligibility. We look at family income, grades, as well as other factors affecting a family's ability to pay.

Who determines the amount of assistance each family receives?

The GT Tuition Assistance Committee reviews all applications and determines the amount of assistance to be provided to each family based on the amount of money available, the number of families who apply and each family's financial need.

Does GT give out scholarships based on academic merit?

The GT Presidential Scholarship is awarded to a number of incoming ninth-grade students who demonstrate leadership, service and scholarship. Eligible students are contacted during the admissions process.

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What other types of assistance is available?

- **The Big Shoulders Fund-** The school submits applications to the Big Shoulders Fund on behalf of families who have enrolled at the school. To be eligible a student must maintain at least a “C” average and qualify for free/reduced meals according to the USDA guidelines.
- **Daniel Murphy Scholarships:** Awarded to Chicago area eighth graders who demonstrate financial need, academic potential, and leadership. For more information visit www.dmsf.org.
- **High Sight Scholarships:** Awards of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year to students as determined by the High Sight program. For more information visit www.highsight.org.
- **Link Unlimited Scholarships:** Awards granted to African-American Chicago land eighth grade students who are highly motivated and demonstrate financial need, academic potential, and good moral character. For more information visit www.linkunlimited.org.

If I applied for and received assistance last year, do I have to apply again this year?

Yes. Each family must apply every year in order to receive tuition assistance. Returning families who have significantly different economic circumstances this year may receive more or less assistance than they received last year.

What if my taxes are not completed by the application deadline?

In order to facilitate the application process, we encourage you to get your taxes done early to meet the deadlines. However, the school will accept the Federal Income Tax return(s) from the previous year if they are accompanied by W-2 forms from the most recent year.