

The Gary and Portia Thomas Family Scholarship

Narrative: Gary and Portia Thomas are lifelong residents of Oak Hill. They both graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1967. After graduation they married and soon started a family and owned and operated several local businesses. Gary served the students of Oak Hill as a Board of Education member for 25 years. Portia started her career with the school district not long after starting her youngest child in Kindergarten and retired in 2016 after serving in various administrative roles. They were both very involved in supporting Oak Hill Union Local Schools in various civic and parent support groups such as the BIG “O” Mother’s Club, Oak Hill Jaycees, Cotillion Club, Portland Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Faith United Methodist Church. All four of their children have gone on to acquire various college degrees in the fields of biology, education, nursing and finance. Gary and Portia have often said that their greatest accomplishments are their 4 children (Marlo- OHHS ‘87, Trevor-OHHS ‘89, Bronwyn- OHHS ‘93 and Trenton- OHHS ‘95) and 11 grandchildren(Moriah, Meagan, Brady, Paige, Bailee, Mason, Blake, Aubree, Tanner, Teegan and Marley). This scholarship is being established in honor of Gary and Portia Thomas for their years of service to Oak Hill Union Local Schools and their family to help students fulfill their dreams.

Scholarship Eligibility: Must be entering a 4-year post-secondary college/university planning to obtain degree in **Business Management, Education, Nursing or Biology.**

Selection of Scholar: Personal Selection

Award Type: The scholarship will be paid upon presentation of proof of enrollment as a full-time student in a post-secondary institution. This proof of enrollment must be presented to the Oak Hill Union Local School District Treasurer.

Cash Award: \$500

Scholarship Deadline: **Friday, April 17, 2026 to Mrs. Spees**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Name: _____

Activities/Honors:

Please answer the following questions in sentence form:

- What extracurricular activities have you been involved in and how have they benefitted you? What obstacles have you had to overcome in these activities?

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- What are some goals you have set for yourself after finishing college?

- What are some reasons you have for choosing this major?

College/University Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(If applicant is under the age of 18.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNSELOR:

GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

ACT/SAT Composite Score: _____

Counselor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____