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Application Deadline: Must be received no later than Friday, April 5, 2019 at  
**4 pm (CST).**

Application qualifications:

**The applicant must be a 2019 graduating senior from any school district in the Gems of Hope service area (within a 50 mile radius of Cedar Rapids).**

**Have been personally affected by cancer, by either of the following criteria:**

- The student has been previously diagnosed with cancer.
- Has an IMMEDIATE family member who has had cancer (this means, sibling, mother or father, consideration will also be given to extended family members who are considered to be legal guardians).

and also,

- Demonstrates financial need.

The Gems of Hope Scholarship Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of Gems of Hope, will select the recipients. The award recipients will be notified by phone by April 29, 2019, with the results posted on the website by April 30, 2019. No phone inquiries will be accepted.

Award: In 2019, the committee plans to award up to 12, \$1500.00 scholarships. The monetary award of \$1500.00 must be used for college tuition, books, or fees related to college expenses. The check will be made payable to the college the award winner is attending, not to the individual.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print clearly, please)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(List street address, city, state and zip code)

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Household Income (check one)**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to \$20,000        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 to \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 to \$80,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000        |

Number of individuals within household (claimed on Tax-return): \_\_\_\_\_

Other financial circumstances you want the committee to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Not required to complete)*

College Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Scholarships will not be awarded to applicants who have not chosen a school. You have until September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to name your school. If no school has been chosen by September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Gems reserves the right to reassign your scholarship award.***

Area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your school have a scholarship award recognition night?  Yes  No

Who is the best contact for recognition night, so Gems can make a request to present scholarship awards in person (name and phone)?

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**Requirements:**

Applications must be submitted in the following format. **The application must include the following elements in the order specified below.** You must submit your paperwork in ONE document, as a PDF or hard copy, single sided, and unstapled. Please be sure to include footers on each page that include your first and last name, and a page number. You will not be given back any portions of your application submission including photographs. If your application does not adhere to the submission requirements, it will not be reviewed.

- The application with signature.
- Essay (please submit your essay with page numbers if your submission is more than one page in length). Your essay should include a header notation with your name and the name of your school. Your essay can be no more than 500 words.

Your essay should answer the following questions:

1. Who in your life was impacted by cancer?
2. How were you personally affected?
3. How has cancer changed your life?

4. How will you take your cancer experience and in future years, turn it into something positive and impactful?
5. What do you do for fun when you're not studying, working, or doing community service?
6. You have accomplished some amazing things in your short life. In what areas do you think you can improve?
  - Official current high school transcript.
  - List of high school leadership, responsibilities, extra-curricular activities and awards.
  - List of other organizational memberships, offices and services to others: (i.e., community, volunteerism, church, scouts, 4-H ...).
  - Attach at least three (3) and no more than five (5) LETTERS OF SUPPORT from high school faculty, church, or employers, troop leaders, or others (not family members) which address evidence of the applicant's exemplary integrity, ethics, initiative, or service to others.
  - Include a photograph which may be used be used in promotional materials if applicant is selected as a winner.
  - Post award-agree to submit a letter expressing how they have benefited from the money and what it was used for.

**Please read before submitting your scholarship application:** By submitting this application, I certify that the information contained therein is true and complete to the best of my ability and understand that false information or omission of data will result in denial of my application. I also further understand that if I am selected to receive an award I will be asked to submit a picture for publicity purposes. I give permission for my picture to be used on the web site an in other marketing and communications related features.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications, along with the required supporting documentation **must be received no later than 4 pm (CST) on Friday, April 5, 2019**. Faxes are **NOT** accepted. It may be sent by US Mail at the address below or e-mailed to [office@gemsofhope.com](mailto:office@gemsofhope.com), please do not use a file sharing site.

Mailed to:  
 Scholarship Selection Committee  
 Gems of Hope  
 420 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

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| Office Use Only |  |
| Received:       |  |