

Boy Scouts of America Troop 215

Robert Gillenwater Founder's Scholarship Application

Information and Guidelines

Purpose: To recognize and financially support Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 215 Lantana, Florida with their continued educational endeavors while encouraging them to continue practicing and using the virtues of Scouting learned on their road to Eagle.

Naming: The Phibbs Family, specifically Cecil Phibbs, Charter member of Troop 215 and past Scoutmaster, created this scholarship. The scholarship is named and given in honor of his son Robert Gillenwater, the only founding member of Troop 215 who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Robert was also the first scout in Troop 215 to serve the troop as Senior Patrol Leader, to be elected into the Order of the Arrow, and the first scout of Troop 215 to also earn the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life Scout.

Funding: Initial funding was made through a donation from the Phibbs Family. Future funding will be possible from private and personal donations as well as potential allocation of troop dues to the Scholarship account.

Scholarship renewal and amount: (1) This is a **one time non-renewing** Scholarship which eligible members may apply for and receive at any time after High School Graduation, during attendance to a 2 or 4 year college or University program up until the start of their last semester before graduating with a Bachelor's degree. (2) The Scholarship committee will determine the amount of the scholarship annually based on available funds in the Scholarship account. The minimum will be \$250.00.

Award Determination: Awarding of scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship committee, which will include Robert Gillenwater (via e-mail), the Scholarship committee chairperson, and the Scoutmaster. The Scholarship committee chairperson will present the approved applications to the Troop committee during reports at a regularly scheduled Troop Committee meeting.

Applications: Scholarship applications that meet the requirements and are complete will be considered. Any that do not will be returned to the applicant. Completion of the application or meeting basic requirements does not guarantee awarding of the scholarship. The Scholarship Committee, Scoutmaster, and Troop Committee Chair will determine scholarship recipients.

Essay Topics: The scholarship Committee will determine and publish essay topics annually. Topics will help to demonstrate application of skills practiced and learned while in Scouting and becoming an Eagle Scout. It is understood that the applicant is not only an Eagle Scout but also a High School Graduate, therefore essays should be original, free from spelling or grammatical errors, and clearly answer or explain the essay topic.

Presentation: Scholarship awards and Certificates will be presented at Troop 215 or Eagle courts of honor. Payment will be made directly to the Eagle Scout.