Harold I. Gach Memorial Scholarship Application

The family of Harold I. Gach is honoring the memory of their husband and father by offering educational experiences to talented students enrolled at Michigan State University. Mr. Gach believed that Michigan State University offers its students an enriched academic and social experience in an environment that fosters active, innovative learning and was especially proud that his children graduated with honors from Michigan State University.

This scholarship award will provide educational opportunities for those who, like Mr. Gach, battled cancer or who, like Mr. Gach’s children, have had a parent struggle with cancer. The Harold I. Gach Scholarship is intended to encourage students who have the demonstrated capacity to achieve educational goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

Recipients shall be chosen according to the Harold I. Gach Scholarship selection criteria, which include:

1. An admitted incoming freshman or first-year transfer student with a 3.2 GPA or higher
2. Experience with cancer, either themselves or a parent
3. Residence in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb counties
4. A strong academic record, significant extracurricular activities, and been admitted to Michigan State University

Application for the Harold I. Gach Scholarship must be made on the form provided. Form may be duplicated. Please send the completed form, your essay and a sealed letter of recommendation with a signature across the seal in an envelope to:

The Harold I. Gach Scholarship
Attn: Shelley Gach
10525 Kingston
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Be sure to sign your application form.

All submissions must be postmarked by March 31 of your high school senior year. One or more non-renewable awards up to $1,200 will be available beginning fall semester following your high school senior year.
Section A
Name: ___________________________________  MSU Personal ID Number (PID)  _______________________
Address:  ________________________________________________________________
Phone #:  ________________________________  County of Residence:  ______________________________
Name of High School: ____________________________  City:  ______________________________
Cumulative GPA ____________________________  Cumulative GPA ____________________________
high school  college, if transfer student

Section B
Briefly describe your school and community activities while in high school or college (if you are a transfer student):
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Section C
In 250 or fewer words, please explain who in your family (yourself or parent) experienced cancer and the impact this had on your life. [Essay should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure to put your name on the essay.]

Section D
Letter of recommendation from a high school or college faculty member. Please have the letter of recommendation put into a sealed envelope, and ask your teacher to sign his or her name across the seal of the envelope.

Section E (please read the following and sign below.)
I have read all of the information regarding the Harold I. Gach Scholarship award and I certify that I meet the requirements as set forth. In addition, I affirm that the application and essay submitted are my own original work.

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Signature                                     Date