



# **R GORDON GRAVES COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

-established 2021

Oxford Commissioner Gordon Graves was an iconic supporter of his beloved community. His service to the Town of Oxford not only involved his nine plus years as an elected official serving the citizens of Oxford, it also encompassed his love of history, education and people, as he spent the last 20 years of his life in daily community service supporting the Oxford Museum, the Oxford Community Center, the Oxford Business Association and Habitat for Humanity, along with involvement in endless smaller projects in support of the town he called his home. He spent his entire professional career in higher education. His love of learning and years of service make this scholarship in support of local student's educational pursuits a fitting legacy.

**Purpose: Provide local students with scholarships to be utilized for acquisition of necessary books and supplies while pursuing their post high school education.**

- **Open to all public/private school students currently or recently attending high school in Talbot County**
- **Applications must demonstrate the applicant's efforts in the area of community service**
- **At least one grant for no less than \$500 will be awarded to a chosen student annually**
- **No less than \$500 for award will be included in the Oxford General Budget annually**
- **Funding of additional grants is open to any party or group interested in creating a donation in Gordon's name and wishing to support the efforts of local students**

**Internal process:**

- **The annual award will be budgeted and disbursed within normal General Budget bookkeeping**
- **An individual savings account will be utilized for any outside funds received**
- **A simple application will be prepared and posted on the town website with an annual due date**
- **Applicants will be reviewed by staff and submitted to the Commissioners with recommendation**
- **Awardees will provide documentation of purchases in coordination with the staff**

**Applications can be downloaded at [www.oxfordmd.net](http://www.oxfordmd.net).**



**R GORDON GRAVES COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Phone/Cell Number	
Email Address	
Additional contact information	

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION AND FUTURE PLANS**

What high school do you attend (or attended) in Talbot County?

What is (or was) your graduation date?

What are your post high school plans?

How do you intend to utilize these grant funds?

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

Please read the attached R GORDON GRAVES COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP description.

Please complete a VOLUNTEER SERVICE form for each organization in which you have provided Community Service during your High School years. (You may submit as many forms as you would like.)

Please finish your application with a one page statement providing us with whatever information you feel is relevant to your application, your education, your life. This is your opportunity to tell us what you would like us to know about you and why you are the individual who should receive this award.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>VOLUNTEER SERVICE</b>		<b>* copy for each organization</b>
Organization		
Contact Name		
Contact Phone Number		
Contact Email Address		
What is the organization's purpose or function?		
What did you do in your capacity as a volunteer for this organization? How many hours?		
How did your service impact your community?		
How did your service impact your community? What would you like to say about your service?		

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT STATEMENT**



Please return your application by email to [oxfordclerk@goeaston.net](mailto:oxfordclerk@goeaston.net)

Or by mail to: Town of Oxford  
PO Box 339  
Oxford, Maryland 21654

*Any questions should be submitted by email to [oxfordclerk@goeaston.net](mailto:oxfordclerk@goeaston.net)*

By signing this application, I give my permission for the Town of Oxford to contact community service representatives and references provided herewith. \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant Signature*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_