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**Application Deadline: Must be received no later than Friday, March 25, 2016 at 4 pm (CST).**

Application qualifications:

**The applicant must be a 2016 graduating senior from the Cedar Rapids, Marion, or Iowa City School Districts:**

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

- The student has been previously diagnosed with cancer or
- Has had an immediate family member who has had cancer (sibling, mother or father)

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 on April 29, 2016, with the results posted on the website by April 30, 2016. No phone inquiries will be accepted.

Applications to must be submitted in the following format, but applicants are not limited to the spaced provided on this applications form, if you require additional space, you may attach extra sheets.

Award: In 2016, the committee will select up to eight \$750 scholarship recipients. The monetary award of \$750 must be used for college tuition, books, or fees related to college expenses.

Prior to submitting your application, the application must include the following:

- Official current high school transcript
- Application with signature
- Essay
- 3-5 letters of support
- A photograph which may be used in promotional materials if applicant is selected as a winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Total Household Income (check one)**

0 to \$20,000

\$40,000 to \$60,000

\$80,000 to \$100,000

\$20,000 to \$40,000

\$60,000 to \$80,000

Over \$100,000

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Not required to complete)*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Name John F. Kennedy High School Anticipated Graduation Date: 5/2016

**Requirements:**

- Attach a copy of applicant's current official transcript.
- List high school leadership, responsibilities, extra-curricular activities and awards:

- List other organizational memberships, offices and services to others: (i.e., community, volunteerism, church, scouts, 4-H ...)

- Write a 250-word essay describing how you have been affected by cancer personally. If you have had cancer, or have a parent or sibling with cancer, describe how this has been a part of your life.
- Attach at least three (3) and no more than five (5) LETTERS OF SUPPORT from high school faculty, church, or employers, which address evidence of the applicant's exemplary integrity, ethics, initiative, or service to others.
- Include a photograph which may be used in promotional materials if applicant is selected as a winner.

**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 and in other marketing and communications related features.

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

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

Applications, along with the required supporting documentation **must be received no later than 4 pm (CST) on Friday, March 25, 2016**. 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).

Mailed to:

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

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Received:	