

† *Lisa Ramos Bland* †
Memorial Scholarship

Application and Information Packet

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Application Deadline: April 14

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Information for Applicants

PURPOSE

The Lisa Ramos Bland Scholarship Program was developed to recognize students who have given their time and talent to improve the lives of those who live in Douglas County. The scholarship is to assist students with the cost to continue with their education beyond high school.

HISTORY

The scholarship is given in memory of Lisa Ramos Bland, who was killed by a 16-year old drunk driver on September 16, 2000. She was a mother, a wife, a daughter, an aunt, a sister, a godmother, a sister-in-law, a cousin, a niece, a parishioner, a volunteer, and 18-year employee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Lisa tirelessly gave of herself to make her community a better place to live, work, play and worship. Although all who knew her mourn her death, we celebrate her life, and in tribute to her spirit, have created a scholarship to help continue her untiring community service and her positive impact on the world around her.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be:

- a member of a Catholic parish in Douglas County;
- a graduate or graduating senior of a Douglas County high school;
- no older than 21 years of age at the time of application;
- accepted to, or currently enrolled in, a post-secondary learning institution;
- have at a minimum, a 2.0 high school GPA

CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR SELECTION

Applicants must have demonstrated voluntary community service within Douglas County. In addition, they will be evaluated on the originality of their essay, and letters of recommendation. High academic achievement is not necessary; however, it may be considered if there is a tie between applicants. Financial need is not a factor in the selection.

A six-person committee will review applications, and all decisions will be final. Applicants will be notified by mail of their status by April 30, in the year submitted. All scholarship checks will be made payable to the applicant and his/her educational institution.

AWARD AMOUNT

The annual winner receives a \$500 scholarship, renewable each year for up to four years for a maximum award amount of \$2,000. After the initial award of \$500, in order for the student to continue to receive the remaining \$1,500 over the next three years, he/she must maintain a 2.0 GPA and provide a copy of their most recent transcript to the selection committee by June 15 each year. A student whose GPA drops below a 2.0, may be granted a one-year grace period to restore it to a 2.0 before losing the remainder of the award.

HOW TO APPLY

Students must complete and submit the attached application form and supply the following under one cover:

1. Most recent documentation of GPA, either a copy of the grade card from high school attended or a transcript from the college, technical or vocational school.
2. An essay on the value of community service. (500 word maximum) The essay must be typewritten or word processed.
3. Up to three (3) letters of reference supporting your commitment to community service.
4. Send the packet to:

Scholarship Department
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, Kansas 66049-3859

If you have any questions, please call the GCSAA Scholarship Department at (785) 841-2240 or (800) 472-7878.

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Application Form

(It is very important that you fill out this entire form.
Typing is highly encouraged.)

<i>SECTION 1</i>

Name: _____

Permanent address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____

Work or cell phone: _____

Social Security No. _____

E-mail: _____

Campus Address (if applicable)

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Campus Phone _____

Catholic parish in Douglas County (check one below)

_____ St. John's (Lawrence) _____ Corpus Christi (Lawrence)

_____ Annunciation (Baldwin) _____ Holy Family (Eudora)

SECTION 2

Please list the high school(s) you attend(ed), then colleges, technical/trade or vocational schools, include graduation dates and note the applicable grade point average(s) below. (Note: your GPA must be documented by attaching the most recent school transcript or grade card).

School	Graduation Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____ **High School GPA**

_____ **College, technical or vocational school GPA (if applicable)**

List any academic distinctions and honors you have received, including community honors:

List any school activities in which you have been involved:

Have you ever been dismissed from a school or placed on academic probation? If so, what school and why?

SECTION 3

List the volunteer activities you have participated in during your high school years (and post-secondary, if applicable):

Organization Name **Number of Hours volunteered**

SECTION 4

Letters of Reference

Attach up to three (3) letters of reference supporting your commitment to community service.

√ Checklist

Have you:

1. **Filled out** the application completely including signing and dating it?
2. **Attached** up to three letters of reference?
3. **Attached** your most recent transcript or grade card?
4. **Attached** your typewritten, double-spaced essay (500 word limit)?

Send all materials to:

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The postmark deadline for applications is April 14.