

OTTO GRUENBERG'S PHILOSOPHY:

“You should use your mind to the best of your ability.
If you put forth your best, I'll meet you halfway.”

Do you possess the outstanding characteristics and moral values that would meet the high standards of Otto C. Gruenberg?

Being ethical, civic-minded, possessing initiative, being hard working, having a dedication to excellence, and being willing to do your best are some of these high standards.

Otto Gruenberg, a long-time resident of Ridgewood, N.J., was one of six children born outside Gary, Ind. Although his college education and later his career were interrupted by volunteering to serve in World War I and World War II, he became an executive of one of this nation's leading railroads. After World War I, he returned to Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., to earn his degree in mechanical engineering in 1921. He enrolled in the MBA program at Harvard University in railroad administration in 1930. When World War II broke out, he enlisted and served as cavalry officer in Europe. He served in World War II as a lieutenant colonel, helping to rebuild the railroads in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon, where he was chief mechanical officer for the Railway Division. He worked in railroading in various capacities at the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, Boston and Maine Railroad, New York Ontario and Western Railroad, and New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad Co. He designed steam and diesel locomotives for the American Locomotive Co. in New York. He was in "Who's Who In Railroading" and "International Engineering." He ultimately became president of the New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad Co.

Mr. Gruenberg was a charter member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, N.J. He was its first treasurer and a strong, long-time supporter of the church. He amassed his assets as an individual investor in the stock market. He was a meticulous record keeper and subscribed to the chartist theory of investing. His office at his home was filled with his daily tracking of the stock market, which he would gladly show all visitors. His interests in railroading, investing, and in his church were complemented by his enjoyment of European art and fine wine. His life embodied sacrifice for his country, moral rectitude, hard work, and belief in a good education. The foundation represents his legacy in which young students who share his character traits and moral standards will be afforded the opportunity to enjoy a fine college education.

Summary

The purpose of the Gruenberg Foundation Scholarship Program is to assist students who are citizens of the U.S. in pursuing undergraduate education at Trine. Scholarships of \$3,500 or more will be awarded to eligible high school seniors entering Trine University. The recipient may reapply in each of three undergraduate additional years, if appropriate. Award determinations will be made with the assistance of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Average award last year was \$6,500.

Background

The Gruenberg Foundation was established after the death in 1994 of Otto C. Gruenberg. Mr. Gruenberg wanted worthy students to reach their fullest potential by having access to the institution. He wanted to encourage the highest moral character and ethical values in the scholarship recipients. It is the intention of the Gruenberg Foundation that the scholarships be awarded to students who possess the character and values espoused by Mr. Gruenberg.

Who may apply?

To be eligible, each applicant must be a U.S. citizen and entering their first year at Trine University in the fall immediately following high school graduation. Each applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be in the top one-third of their class.

What are some of the criteria for selection?

- Scholastic achievement
- Initiative
- Ethics
- Citizenship
- Perseverance
- Character
- Personality
- Work habits
- Ability to set realistic goals
- Responsibility
- Financial need
- Demonstration of a strong commitment to family, friends, and the greater community.
- Moral character that reflects the highest of ethical standards.
- Commitment to remain drug-free and willingness to take noninvasive drug tests as a personal statement of such commitment.
- Strong scholastic performance while in high school, indicated by attaining a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Exemplary qualities of leadership in school and extracurricular activities in the community. Recipients will have been actively involved in a volunteer organization of their choosing and will have exhibited an interest in extracurricular activities such as music, theater or debate, or have been involved in some form of part-time employment.
- Relative financial need as determined by the Advisory Committee based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Acceptance as a full-time, first-year undergraduate student at Trine as a high school senior.

- Applicants are required to submit two recommendations on the forms provided with this application. Sealed recommendations should be included with your application.
- All awards will be made without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or physical handicap.

What are the award conditions?

- The recipient must sign the Code of Conduct in the scholarship application and, as a demonstration of compliance to the actions and values reflected in the code, sign such a statement annually.
- If a recipient chooses not to continue in the college program in a particular year, the award will be canceled and the unspent portion, if any, will be returned.
- The Gruenberg Foundation Scholarships are not intended to displace other scholarship aid. Should you receive enough other financial aid, Trine will be requested to return to the foundation the portion of your Gruenberg scholarship which would displace other aid. The Gruenberg Foundation Scholarships may displace loans.
- Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the foundation's Scholarship Committee based on the Scholarship Advisory Committee recommendations.

Are awards renewable?

- Once an applicant has received a scholarship award, he/she is eligible to reapply for scholarship aid for up to three additional years during which he/she remains a full-time undergraduate student at Trine, maintains a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and fulfills the other criteria of the program. Renewal is not assured, however, and is subject to the approval of the Scholarship Committee.
- Recipients denied renewal no longer qualify for reapplication.
- Applicants eligible for scholarship renewal must notify the foundation in writing of their request for renewal prior to the end of the academic year in which they received their current award.

How will award payments be paid?

- Award payments will be made to the Office of Student Accounts, or its equivalent, in the name of Trine University and the recipient. Payments may be applied toward tuition, fees, room and/or board, or billed by the university as designated by the recipient.
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the university in advance of the student's enrollment. The first semester payment will be paid in August, while the second semester payment will be paid in December.
- Award payments will be made as soon as:
 1. The recipient has signed and returned the terms of grant agreement to the foundation;
 2. Trine has verified the student's enrollment; and
 3. Trine has verified that it will not reduce other awarded grant aid as a result of this award, unless required by federal or state law.
- Awards are subject to state and federal income tax guidelines.

How do I apply?

- Complete the application and all attachments and file with the Scholarship Advisory Committee by the postmarked deadline of April 5, 2024.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.gov>. In order to meet the application deadline, the FAFSA must be completed and to the federal processor by the March 1 priority filing deadline. Trine's school code is 001839.
- You are responsible for seeing that all materials are postmarked on or before the deadline for receiving applications. Applications that are not postmarked by the April 5, 2024, deadline will be ineligible.
No exceptions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2024, POSTMARK

Important dates

- **December 2023**—2024-25 FAFSA available
- **March 1**—FAFSA priority filing deadline
- **April 5**—Postmark deadline for all application material to:

The Gruenberg Foundation Scholarship
Advisory Committee
c/o Admissions
Trine University
One University Ave.
Angola, IN 46703
- **April 26**—Notification of award recipients, by mail.



2024-25

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SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURE & APPLICATION

I. PERSONAL DATA

First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Father/Stepfather (guardian): _____

Employer: _____ Years w/employer: _____

Mother/Stepmother (guardian): _____

Employer: _____ Years w/employer: _____

Names of brothers and sisters/stepbrothers and stepsisters living in household: _____

1. _____ Age: _____ Occupation or college: _____

2. _____ Age: _____ Occupation or college: _____

3. _____ Age: _____ Occupation or college: _____

List other dependents in your household (grandparents, cousins, etc.) not already listed above: _____

How many family members (including you) will be attending college next year? (including stepsiblings): _____

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SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURE & APPLICATION

Name of High School: _____

1. Academic achievement: Your high school transcript, to be included with the high school certification form, will contain a summary of subjects and grades. List below academic honors or awards you have received.

| Honors/Award | Reason for Honor | Year Awarded |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

2. High school activities: List below all volunteer and (non-athletic) extracurricular activities in your school and/or community in which you have participated and to which you have made a positive contribution. Indicate grade(s) of your major involvement.

| Activity | Position Held | Grade(s) of Participation | Recognition |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

3. Work experience (full or part time): List below work experience during the past four years.

| Employer | Job Description | Dates/Hours per Week |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

4. Unusual circumstances: Please report any unusual family or personal circumstances which you think warrant additional consideration, including circumstances that make financial aid necessary.



II. EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Intended college major: _____

Intended career path: _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Actual costs for 2024-25 at Trine University can be found on our website: trine.edu/costs after Feb. 1, 2024. As a guide, 2023-24 costs are in parentheses.

- 1. Tuition and fees: (\$35,000; Engineering \$38,180) \$ _____
- 2. Room and board: (\$12,250 Apt + 19 meals) \$ _____
- 3. Travel, books, personal expenses: (\$4,600; Engineering \$4,800) \$ _____
- 4. Estimated total cost: \$ _____ A _____

B1. Income statistics (custodial parents)

- 1. Amount family/relative(s) can contribute: \$ _____
- 2. Applicant's total savings (portion to be applied to next year's cost) \$ _____
- 3. Applicant's anticipated earnings from summer employment: \$ _____
- 4. Total income: \$ _____ B1 _____

B2. Income statistics (noncustodial parents)

- 1. Amount family/relative(s) can contribute: \$ _____
 - 2. Total income: \$ _____ B2 _____
- Subtotal C (B1 + B2) _____

C. Expected Out of Pocket (difference A - C) \$ _____

D. List all scholarships, grants, and loans for which applications will be made or have been made:

IV. Items needed from Applicant

- Official High School Transcript
 - Copy of Birth Certificate as proof of US Citizenship
 - Evidence of acceptance by Trine University (letter of acceptance)
 - Gruenberg Scholarship Application
 - Gruenberg Scholarship Forms A-D
 - Complete copies of 2023 Federal IRS tax form 1040 (student, custodial, and noncustodial parents)
 - Submit FAFSA to Trine University by March 1, 2024. School code: 001839
- Please attach a personal statement, not to exceed two typewritten, double-spaced pages, outlining your background, accomplishments, plans, and the benefits this scholarship will provide to you. Include motivating factors of important experience, which have helped to shape your personal philosophy and/or your educational plans/career goals. Please also include information that reflects your commitment to family, friends, and the greater community and your moral character. Think carefully about this statement. It is very important in the selection process. **Applications without a personal statement will not be considered.**

We have checked this application for omissions and error and to the best of our knowledge the information reported is complete and correct. We are aware that it is to be used in considering the student applicant whose name appears on this application for the college scholarship. Consent is hereby given for disclosure of the information contained in this form, as well as any other information made available to the Gruenberg Foundation Scholarship Committee and Scholarship Advisory Committee by the undersigned or others, the officers and trustees of the Gruenberg Foundation, and any other person authorized by the foundation to review the information for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients. Verification may be obtained from any source. We hereby release from liability any person submitting personal information to the foundation for use in the selection of scholarship recipients.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Custodial parent's/guardian's signature: _____

Noncustodial parent's/guardian's signature: _____

***Note: The parents and student are required to sign this application regardless of whether or not the student has attained the age of 18 years.**

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**THE GRUENBERG APPLICATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT****FORM A** (*CUSTODIAL PARENTS*)**Required Form****Student's Name:**

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Custodial parents are to complete this form:

Parent One:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Two:

Name: _____

Address: _____

1. Please attach a copy of your **2023 Federal IRS tax form 1040** (student and custodial parent).
All copies must be included.

2. Asset information

Cash/savings account: \$ _____

Stocks and bonds: \$ _____

Home value: \$ _____

Other real estate or investment value: \$ _____

Business/farm value: \$ _____

Business/farm debt: \$ _____

Other debt against assets: \$ _____

Submit the attached financial statement, the 2023 federal income tax returns (Form 1040, from student and custodial parent) and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.gov>.



FORM A (CUSTODIAL PARENTS) *continued*

3. This section is to be completed by any party that is claiming IRS child exemption on their 2023 Federal 1040 tax form

***Note: Please indicate if the child is attending school or college. If so, indicate if the school is public or private. Also inform us of any scholarships that he/she has received.**

Please list all dependent children with student applicant first. Please list other dependents receiving financial support for school from family.

| Name | Relationship to student applicant | School Name | Estimated amount of total annual financial support from family |
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Total amount expended for schooling this past year \$ _____

4. The scholarship applicant and parent/guardian are asked to discuss and then reach agreement in completing the questions and information requested below.

A. List all colleges or universities the scholarship applicant plans to apply to:

B. Please provide an estimate of the overall costs you have identified for attending the college or university of your choice for the required four years: \$_____

C. How do you plan to finance your college education?

(Please list anticipated sources and dollar amounts)

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

**THE GRUENBERG APPLICATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT****FORM B** *(NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS)***Required Form** *(if applicable)***Student's Name:**

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Noncustodial parents are to complete this form:

Parent One:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Two:

Name: _____

Address: _____

1. Please attach a copy of your 2023 Federal IRS tax form 1040 (student and noncustodial parent).
2. Asset information.

Cash/savings account: \$ _____

Stocks and bonds: \$ _____

Home value: \$ _____

Other real estate or investment value: \$ _____

Business/farm value: \$ _____

Business/farm debt: \$ _____

Other debt: \$ _____

Submit the attached financial statement, 2023 federal income tax returns (Form 1040, from student and noncustodial parent) and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.gov>.



FORM B (NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS) *continued*

3. This section is to be completed by any party that is claiming IRS child exemption on their 2023 Federal 1040 tax form

***Note: Please indicate if the child is attending school or college. If so, indicate if the school is public or private. Also inform us of any scholarships that he/she has received.**

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C. How do you plan to finance your college education?

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