

**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."**

The Otto C. Gruenberg Scholarship seeks students who embody the values of hard work, ethics, civic responsibility, initiative, and dedication to excellence. Otto Gruenberg, a Tri-State College (now Trine University) graduate, was a mechanical engineer and railroad executive who served in both World Wars. His life was marked by service, integrity, and a commitment to education, railroading, and investing. The Gruenberg Foundation honors his legacy by awarding scholarships to U.S. students entering Trine University who demonstrate the high moral character and values Gruenberg cherished.

**Why Apply:** The Gruenberg Foundation Scholarship offers financial support to high school seniors entering Trine University, with awards starting at \$3,500, and an average award of \$6,500 last year. This scholarship honors students who embody Otto Gruenberg's values of ethics, leadership, dedication, and community service. Recipients can reapply for up to three additional years, provided they meet the academic and conduct requirements.

**Criteria:** Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and rank in the top third of their high school class. Selection is based on factors such as academic performance, leadership, initiative, ethical standards, and financial need. Students should also demonstrate a commitment to their family and community and pledge to remain drug-free.

**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.

**Renewability:** The scholarship can be renewed for up to three additional undergraduate years as long as recipients maintain full-time status, achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA, and uphold the scholarship's values. Renewal is not guaranteed and is subject to approval each year by the Scholarship Committee.

**Non-renewal:** If a recipient is denied renewal, they are no longer eligible to reapply.

**Code of Conduct:** Recipients must sign a Code of Conduct, reaffirming their commitment to the scholarship's values annually.

**Scholarship Termination:** If a recipient discontinues their college program, the scholarship will be canceled, and any unused funds must be returned to the foundation.

**Direct Payment:** Scholarship funds are paid directly to Trine University's Office of Student Accounts. Payments can be applied to tuition, fees, room, and board.

**Disbursement:** The first semester payment is made in August, and the second in December, once the recipient has signed the grant agreement and Trine University verifies their enrollment and financial aid package.

**Financial Aid Impact:** The scholarship will not displace other grant aid unless required by law, but may replace loans to reduce the student's financial burden.

**Tax Guidelines:** Awards are subject to state and federal income tax regulations.

**Important dates:**

- **December 2024**— 2025-26 FAFSA available
- **March 1**— FAFSA priority filing deadline
- **April 4**— **Postmark deadline** for application material to:

The Gruenberg Foundation Scholarship  
Advisory Committee  
c/o Admissions  
Trine University  
One University Ave.  
Angola, IN 46703

- **April 25**— Notification of award recipients, by mail.



2025-26

# THE GRUENBERG FOUNDATION INC.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

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.

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**II. EDUCATIONAL PLANS**

Intended college major: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended career path: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**A. Actual costs for 2025-26 at Trine University can be found on our website: [trine.edu/costs](http://trine.edu/costs) after Feb. 1, 2025. As a guide, 2024-25 costs are in parentheses.**

- 1. Tuition and fees: (\$35,950; Engineering \$38,880) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Room and board: (\$12,570 Apt + 19 meals) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Travel, books, personal expenses: (\$4,800; Engineering \$5,000) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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:**

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### 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 2024 Federal IRS tax form 1040 (student, custodial, and noncustodial parents)
  - Submit FAFSA to Trine University by March 1, 2025. 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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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**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 **2024 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 2024 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 2024 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

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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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)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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**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 2024 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, 2024 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 2024 Federal 1040 tax form

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Total amount expended for schooling this past year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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