

# **The Randy Gray Memorial Scholarship**

The Randy Gray Memorial Scholarship is being offered to help a high school graduating senior to "be more like Randy." One may ask what it means to "be more like Randy" if they did not have the pleasure of knowing him, so here are a few of the many things Randy was apart of. Randy was a public servant for most of his life. He enjoyed helping people in any capacity, and he found several organizations that allowed him to do just that. He was a volunteer firefighter for Girard Fire and Rescue, an EMT for Prairieland Ambulance, Girard Chamber of Commerce President, a Girard city alderman for four years, a JFL board member, a hospice volunteer for Memorial Home Hospice, a former Macoupin County Crime Stoppers Board Member, and last but certainly not least, a beloved Santa Clause for several area children. Randy never asked for a dime for his contributions and never wanted to be recognized, he just wanted to be able to help others. Randy was recognized for his contributions by the City of Girard in 2016, when he was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award. Sadly, in March of 2020 he unexpectedly passed away; therefore, leaving his earthly duties for a higher calling. With this scholarship we hope that we can help a graduating senior "be more like Randy." He had a passion for volunteering and being a first responder. As his family, we request that you only apply for this scholarship if you are going to college to be a first responder or to work as a healthcare professional (I.e. a nurse, doctor, PT/OT, RT, etc.) as those were his two biggest loves.

As his family, we would like to thank our sponsors that made it possible for us to honor Randy. We would like to thank Prairieland Ambulance, Girard Fire and Rescue, and Courtyard Estates for their generous donations in honor of Randy.

The award given for this scholarship is \$500 and it will be given to a deserving high school senior.

Please submit an essay on how you plan to "be more like Randy." In this essay please include your plans for the future, and what you are already doing to help your community. This essay needs to be a minimum of 500 words. In addition, please include a letter of recommendation from a member of the local community.

Please email applications to Randy's Daughter Sydney Hart at [sydneygray1516@gmail.com](mailto:sydneygray1516@gmail.com). Applications can also be mailed if you prefer to do so to 408 West Springfield Street in Girard. Applications can also be taken to Mrs. McQueen's office. Applications are due no later than **April 1st, 2026**.

**Thank You!  
"Be More Like Randy"**

# **Application**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Collage Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular

activities : \_\_\_\_\_

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Community

involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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