



PURPOSE

The Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation (GKF) is a public charity established to help students with physical disabilities reach their secondary educational goals. The GKF awards scholarships to students with physical impairments (sight, hearing, movement) at Trident Technical College.

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

To qualify for the scholarship, first-time applicants must complete this form, in detail, with all supporting documents indicated below and return it to Jim Orgel, Lead Disabilities Counselor, at the Services for Students with Disabilities Office at Trident Technical College - no later than **July 28, 2023**. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years, subject to the applicant's request for renewal, the applicant's continued suitability for the scholarship, and available funding of the GKF.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

The GKF scholarship is not automatically renewed. Previous TTC recipients who wish to renew the scholarship must submit (a) current academic transcripts and (b) an updated list of extra-curricular/community service activities to Frank Morea, at the Services for Students with Disabilities Office at Trident Technical College.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Foundation board will review all new and renewal applications and then award 2021-2022 scholarships, based on applicant suitability and current GFK funding resources. If selected, award recipients will receive notification during Fall semester of the current academic year. The scholarship award will be applied to your Spring semester financial aid awards.

SELECTED APPLICANTS

Scholarship recipients should be prepared to serve as an ambassador/spokesperson of the Foundation and participate in GKF-related social and civic functions throughout the scholarship year. In particular, the pleasure of your presence is requested at the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year—the Charleston James Island Connector Run (CJICR). Typically, the event has been held on "Students with Disabilities Day," proclaimed by Mayor Joe Riley, Jr. This year's CJICR is TBD.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

In addition to completing the Personal Information Section below, first-time applicants must submit all of the following items, along with their application:

- a. Personal letter outlining your educational and vocational goals
- b. Complete, official transcript of your academic record (2.5 minimum GPA for undergraduate applicants and 3.0 minimum for graduate applicants)
- c. List of extra-curricular activities and organizations
- d. Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a former teacher. Letters of recommendation from a family member are not acceptable for this purpose.
- e. Picture of yourself

PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION

1. Name _____
2. Home Phone () _____
3. Cell Phone () _____
4. Campus Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Permanent Address (if different then above) _____

6. Email Address _____
7. Date of Birth _____
8. Nature of Disability _____
9. Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____
10. High School _____ City/State _____
11. Year of HS graduation _____ Standing in class/ GPA _____
12. Field of College Study: _____
Major/Minor _____
13. How many credit hours have you completed at TTC? _____
14. Extra-curricular activities while in college (school and community)

- 15. Will you be attending Trident Technical College during Spring 2024 semester? _____
- 16. Are you willing to appear at Gavalas Kolanko Foundation functions as an ambassador/spokesperson? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION

- 17. Are you currently employed full or part-time? [] Yes [] No
- 18. If currently employed, where: _____
- 19. How many hours per week are you employed? _____
- 20. List previous scholarships and amounts awarded each year from all sources for the past three (3) years. Please note which scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 academic school year:

- 21. List source and amounts of any current student financial aid grant or

loan. Please include any student grant or loan for the 2023-24 academic school year: _____

22. Please complete the following budget with estimated income and expenses for the year 2022- 2023:

ESTIMATED INCOME		ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
Funds from Parents	\$ _____	Tuition:	\$ _____
From Work:	\$ _____	Books/supplies:	\$ _____
From Savings:	\$ _____	Housing/food:	\$ _____
Scholarships/grants	\$ _____	College activities:	\$ _____
Student Loans:	\$ _____	Misc. Expenses:	\$ _____
Other sources	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____		

23. Additional information you would like to share with us so we may know you better:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send the completed form and additional requirements to:

Frank Morea, Director of Counseling and
Career Development Services
Services for Students with Disabilities
Trident Technical College
P. O. Box 118067
Charleston, SC 29423-8067
E-mail: Frank.morea@tridenttech.edu

Office Location: Bldg. 410, Room 210, Main
Campus
Telephone: (843) 574-6131; TTY: (843) 574-6351;
Fax: (843) 574-6812

Note: If you do not currently receive accommodations through the Office of Disability Services at TTC, you must make an appointment with Frank Morea at the Services for Students with Disabilities Office to submit your application packet, in person.

For more information on the Gavalas Kolanko Foundation, visit us on the web www.gkfoundation.org. For more information on the Charleston James Island Connector Run/Walk, visit www.jicrun.com.