**GEM Award**

The Go the Extra Mile (GEM) Award, funded by the Yellow Springs Community Foundation, goes to a YSHS senior who has been on an IEP (Individualized Education Program) during all or part of their Yellow Springs public school experience and will be attending either an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in an uninterrupted academic program. The amount of the award is $1000, which will be given in one payment to the student once their college acceptance has been verified and they have graduated from YSHS.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

The student must:

1. Qualify as an IEP student according to the 13 disability categories under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

2. Reside within the Yellow Springs school district and have graduated from Yellow Springs High School.

3. Be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college or university as a full-time student in an uninterrupted academic program.

**Application Procedure:**

By the due date noted by the YSHS guidance department, the following should be submitted:

 1. GEM application

 2. High school transcript

 3. Two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a teacher the

 applicant had while in high school.

 4. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the college or university to which the

 applicant has been accepted.

*Following submission of the above items, a personal interview with the GEM Selection Committee will be scheduled.*

NOTE: The GEM Selection Committee reserves the right, under special circumstances, to modify the amount of the award or the eligibility requirements.

**Please return your application materials as one packet to the Yellow Springs High School main office by April 6, 2018**

**see page 2 for application**

**GEM Award Application**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. What are your future goals?

3. To what college or university have you been accepted? (The GEM Award is contingent upon college acceptance):

4. Write a personal statement using one paragraph for each of the following (use a separate sheet of paper for this):

 a. Please summarize for the committee the learning differences that allowed you

 to qualify for an IEP.

 b. How have you learned to cope with your learning differences?

 c. Why do you think you will be successful at college?

 d. How do you plan on using the GEM Award?

**Please return application to: Yellow Springs High School Main Office by April 8, 2018**