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Kara Gilman Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation

Kara Gilman was a Riverside native and beloved teacher at John W. North High School for nearly 24 years. Not only did Kara spend the bulk of her teaching career at North, she was also an alumna (Class of 1995). Kara’s son, Noah, who is set to graduate from North in the spring of 2023, continues the “blue-and-gold” tradition.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1998 from the University of California, Riverside, Kara continued her pursuit of higher education. In 2000, she received her master’s degree in education and teaching credential from Claremont Graduate University, and in 2016, she earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Kansas’ Emporia State University.

In addition to Kara’s work at North High School, she served as a mathematics staff development specialist for two years with Riverside Unified School District. Kara also taught evening and summer classes at Norco College for several years. When Kara wasn’t working with students, she was an active member of Temple Beth El in Riverside, serving on the board, including a stint as president.

Kara served and inspired countless students over the years and was a tireless advocate for education, especially when it came to providing an equitable space for learning. To recognize her life’s work, in 2023, Kara’s family and friends partnered with the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) to create the Kara Gilman Memorial Scholarship.

Since women are vastly outnumbered in STEM-related (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) higher education and careers, our goal for this scholarship is to champion future generations of young women and women-identifying seniors from North High School and to help enable them to pursue careers in STEM-related fields.

In Kara’s honor, scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to select John W. North High School seniors interested in a career in a STEM-related field who complete this application.

Criteria for the Kara Gilman Memorial Scholarship:

- Student must be a graduating senior from North High School
- Student must be planning on attending a college, university, community college, or trade school
- Student must be planning on pursuing a degree/career in a STEM-related field
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Student must be a young woman/woman-identifying North High School senior
- One-page essay describing how the student hopes that their focus and work in their chosen STEM-related field will impact their community
- Two letters of recommendation



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Information needed to complete the application:

- Please list all community and volunteer service from grades 9 – 12.
- Please include two letters of recommendation (please see recommendation forms). The letters must be from one of the applicant's teachers or counselor.
- Please list three colleges/universities/community college/trade schools that you applied to.
- Please specify how the scholarship money will be spent.
- Please write a one-page essay on the following topic and attach to this application.
How do you hope that your focus and work in your chosen STEM-related field will impact your community

We reserve the right to require additional information upon request.

Applications close April 21, 2024

All documents need to be submitted via email to: Reef4rusd@gmail.com



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Kara Gilman Memorial Scholarship Application

School Name _____

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____ GPA (minimum of 3.0) _____

Colleges/Universities applied to, please list top three:

Describe how you will spend your REEF Scholarship Funds:

I am a senior who will graduate from the above high school in spring of the signature date below. All information contained in this application is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit the following along with the completed application form via email to: reef4rusd@gmail.com Must be received by the end of the day on April 21, 2024.

1. A copy of your enrollment in North HS and grade report.
2. A list of community and volunteer service from 9th grade through the present. Please list each activity, date of service, description of service, and a contact person and phone number.
3. Two letters of recommendations. Letters should be from one of your teachers, or counselor.
4. A one page essay in which you respond to the following: **How do you hope that your focus and work in your chosen STEM-related field will impact your community**



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Teacher/Counselor

Kara Gilman Memorial Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

_____, a graduating senior at _____
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- Please describe the capacity in which you know the student.
- How well did/does the student carry out his/her responsibilities?
- What specific strengths have you observed in the student?
- In your judgment, what is the student's potential of being successful in college?
- Please rate the student in the following areas, giving a score of 1-5 (5=outstanding, 1=poor)
____ Initiative ____ Dependability ____ Creativity
____ Attitude ____ Maturity ____ Dedication
- Other comments (use back of form if needed)

Signature _____ **Position** _____

Phone _____

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