

## **Scott Guzzo Scholarship for Disability-Related Studies**

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### **About the Scott Guzzo Scholarship for Disability-Related Studies**

Bob and Paula Guzzo created this scholarship to honor their son, Scott Guzzo, and to assist an EVSC senior to further his/her education at a postsecondary institution.

This scholarship is intended to support the post-secondary education of EVSC students who will pursue a degree in a field related to disability issues, such as special education, therapy (e.g., occupational, physical or speech), disability studies, disability law, disability medicine, rehabilitation engineering, assistive technology, etc.

The scholarship is named for Scott Guzzo, who completed his secondary education at Evansville Central High School in 2004. In the early 1990's, Scott was EVSC's first student with multiple disabilities to be educated in an inclusive school setting. Scott's successful inclusion in EVSC led to him being President Clinton's guest at the White House for the signing of the 1997 Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The EVSC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, is dedicated to maximizing individual, organizational, and business support on behalf of Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation to ensure student success.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating EVSC senior.
- Have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale (or an equivalent).
- Plan to enroll full-time\*\* at an accredited public or private college, university, or community college, no later than the upcoming 2023 fall semester.
- Plan to pursue a degree that leads to a career which will support people with disabilities, as described in the "About" section of this document.
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale, barring compelling non-academic reasons, while attending the selected college or university.

*\*\*Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire academic year.*

### **Award Criteria**

Selection of recipients will be based on solid academic performance and participation within student organizations.

Financial need is a consideration.

The selection process of the recipient will be by a scholarship committee and others as deemed necessary. Awards are based on a competitive process which will consider academic achievement, extracurricular activities, personal aspirations, and educational goals.

Awards are for undergraduate study only and are awarded without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender or disability.

## **Award Amount**

The scholarship amount is \$500 annually, renewable for a total of \$2,000 over four years. The scholarship recipient will be notified in May by his/her Counselor. \$500 will be paid to the student's college at the start of the fall semester.

The student's eligibility criteria will be reviewed annually to ensure the student is still pursuing the intended degree and has maintained the required GPA.

## **Submitting the Application Packet:**

Carefully review your application before submission. All pages must be submitted in a manila envelope in the following order:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Completed Essay Response
3. Official grade transcript (most recent)
4. Copy of applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR) Summary

Once the application is submitted, no further additions or changes may be made. Please submit applications before **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to the EVSC Foundation | 951 Walnut St. | Evansville, IN 47713.

## **Payment of Scholarships**

The Scholarship check will be made payable to the recipient's college or university and mailed to the college or university upon receipt of the necessary paperwork that must be filed with the EVSC Foundation each fall. This paperwork will be provided to the recipient at the Class Day assembly when the scholarship is announced.

## **To the Applicant**

By completing the information required in this application, you will demonstrate your eligibility to receive funds distributed by the EVSC Foundation.

Applicants are solely responsible for submitting all information necessary to the application process. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as thoroughly as possible.

All information submitted is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the scholarship committee.

# Scott Guzzo Scholarship for Disability-Related Studies Scholarship Application

## Applicant Information

Last name, first name, middle initial		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address, city, state, zip			
Area code and phone number		Email Address	Date of Birth
Father's name and address			
Mother's name and address			
Guardian's name and address			

## High School Information

School name		Graduation Date	
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## Anticipated Post-High School Information

College or university name, city and state			
College or university name, city and state			
College or university name, city and state			
Major course of study planned		Anticipated date of graduation (month/year)	

## Work Experience

Company/Organization	Position	Dates	Hours per week

## Activities, Awards, and Honors

Activity	Grade Level of Participation	Awards/Honors/Offices Held

## Transcript Information

Attach your most recent original high school *(do not send separately)*.

**High school seniors must have the following section completed by the high school counselor or appropriate official.**

Applicant Ranked		in a class of		Cumulative GPA		Citizenship Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SAT Verbal/Critical Reading		SAT Math		SAT Writing		SAT Total	
ACT Composite Score				Counselor Name			
Core 40 college prep curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Academic Honors Diploma candidate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Technical Honors Diploma candidate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Attach:

- 1) An essay which answers the questions below. The essay should be no longer than 2 pages, with 1.5 line spacing.

Please share why you are interested in a career that will impact people with disabilities (PWDs).

- What factors influenced your interest?
- What are your personal aspirations and educational goals?
- How do you think your career can help PWDs?

- 2) A copy of your transcript.
- 3) A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) Summary; the complete report is not necessary.

I attest that all the information herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to the release of information concerning my academic and financial status to scholarship donors or their representatives thereof.

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Parent/Guardian

Date

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Student

Date

