

2021 HPTS GRIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Houghton-Portage Township Schools Foundation has established a scholarship program for students graduating from Houghton High School. The Foundation will award up to four \$2,500 scholarships to 2021 graduating seniors. The Foundation's intention is that recipients use the scholarship to help pay for education costs at a post-secondary school of their choosing. The successful recipients will be nominated by their respective principal and/or school counselor(s) to the Foundation (who will make the final decision) and meet the below-referenced criteria.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The student must graduate during the 2020-2021 academic year;
- The student must have at least a 2.5 GPA;
- The student must be accepted for admission to a post-secondary institution (proof of acceptance required);
- The student must demonstrate the qualities of "GRIT" (see attached grid);
- The student must demonstrate engagement in school and/or community activities; and
- The student must write a cover letter and accompanying essay in support of their application.

Student Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- Cover Letter
- Essay
- Proof of your acceptance at a post-secondary institution

The student must submit a completed application to their principal or school counselor's office by 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 23, 2021**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

School-wide Positive Behavior Support is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior with all students. All students will be expected to follow the outcomes of our school wide positive behavior expectations. Students will:

Goals Respect Integrity Teamwork



HOUGHTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS GRIT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATION MATRIX

Taking ownership of our school and community

	Classrooms	Public Areas (hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, school grounds)	Bus/Transportation and Parking Lots	School Related Activities (any event involving HPTS)
<u>G</u>oals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for your future • Be physically and mentally present • Participate in class • Do your best work • Prioritize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize safety • Travel to destination efficiently • Accomplish tasks quickly • Allow for flow of traffic • Stay to the right in hallways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey laws and safety rules • Use caution when entering and exiting the parking lot • Park in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in school activities • Support your peers • Make everyone feel welcome
<u>R</u>espect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared and on time • Be engaged/follow directions • Use positive tone and language • Participate when appropriate • Treat materials/property with care • Dress for school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to staff/volunteer directives • Use appropriate language/ voice level • Treat materials/property with care • Keep hands to yourself • Keep it clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to staff/volunteer directives • Treat materials/property with care • Use positive tone and language • Keep hands to yourself • Be courteous • Keep it clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to staff /volunteer directives • Be positive and courteous • Dress for school events • Keep it safe • Keep it clean
<u>I</u>ntegrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by example • Own your behavior • Academic honesty • Report concerns/issues to staff/volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by example • Own your behavior • Use passes for intended purposes • Report concerns/issues to staff/volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by example • Own your behavior • Report concerns/issues to staff/volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by example • Own your behavior • Report concerns/issues to staff/volunteers
<u>T</u>eamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect others and their opinions • Help and include one another • Participate in class and activities • Keep it clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make everyone feel welcome • Be aware of others' needs • Wait your turn and be courteous • Keep it clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model positive behavior • Remain seated on bus • Keep it clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent Houghton positively • Support participants • Make everyone feel welcome • Model positive behavior

2021 HPTS GRIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian/Other: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

School(s) Accepted for Admission (must include proof of acceptance):

Intended Area of Study: _____

Intended Degree/Certification: _____

- 1.) Please include a one-page cover letter that speaks to the following questions:
 - Why you want to continue your education;
 - What you hope to accomplish academically while continuing your education;
 - How you hope to use your education once you have completed your degree/training.

- 2.) In addition to the cover letter, please include a one-page essay that answers the following question:
 - How did you demonstrated GRIT as a student at HHS?

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