

GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

James “Jim” Martin Memorial Scholarship

Background:

The Jim Martin Memorial Scholarship was established on September 28, 2009 with the support and assistance of his wife Denise (Martin) Meyer. The creation of this award is to honor Jim’s work and commitment as a faculty member of Glen Oaks Community College where he taught for 34 years in the Computer Science and Business departments. Jim dedicated his time to helping students by creating an environment that was conducive to learning. He had the ability to motivate students through his enthusiasm and dedication to the subject, as well as, conveying information in a style where students would benefit the most.

This scholarship was initiated through a combination of sources. Jim was selected in March 2008 to receive the E.J. Shaheen, Chair for Teaching Excellence as a distinguished faculty with a cash award that was placed into a scholarship fund in Jim’s name. Additional funds were raised from donations given in honor of Jim upon his death in 2008.

This scholarship seeks to assist nontraditional students and underemployed persons to gain the business, technical and academic skills necessary to become employed in a high-skill, high-wage and high-demand job in the greater southwestern Michigan area. Recipients need to demonstrate they are role models to others who seek to improve their lives by gaining the skills necessary to secure the careers of their choice.

Eligibility:

- Students must be enrolled for at least a minimum of 6 credit hours
- Financial need may be a consideration if there is more than one qualified applicant
- Student must be enrolled in an Associate of Applied Science in Technology degree or Associate of Applied Science in Business degree or a Certificate program in at least one of the follow fields of study:
Accounting, Drafting and Design, Electrical/Electronics Tech., Machine Tool Technology, Computer Information Systems, Web Page Design, Database/Programming, Management/Marketing, Management/Supervision, Office Administrative Assistant and any new certificates in vocational areas that coincide will be added.

Preference:

- In-District resident of Glen Oaks Community College
- Non-traditional student (not required)

Selection Criteria:

- Academic ability, financial circumstances and career goals will be taken into consideration in selecting the recipients.

Maintenance Criteria:

- The recipient will be expected to maintain a 2.5 semester grade while receiving the award.

Selection Process:

- Student will be recommended by family of Jim Martin. Recommended student will be reviewed by the scholarship committee for final approval.

Use:

- The scholarship may be applied to tuition, books, and fees

Amount and Number of Awards:

- \$1,000 will be awarded annually until funds are no longer available.

Prior Recipients:

- Must reapply

Disbursements:

- The Office of Financial Aid will disburse the scholarship according to the standard school policy.

This fund will be set up as a Temporarily Restricted fund where there are donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Foundation to use or expend the assets as specified. After four years, any un-awarded amount will be dispersed into the Glen Oaks Community College Foundation Scholarship fund.

If, at any time, the College Foundation policies and procedures in effect for the administration of award and scholarship funds are changed, these provisions are automatically modified to conform.

Whenever it appears that changing conditions make this plan no longer applicable, practical, or suited to the general purposes stated above, the College Foundation would confer with the donor or their representative to secure a modification of the plan. If the Foundation is unable to locate the donor or their representative after reasonable efforts, then the Foundation is authorized to utilize the fund for any other suitable educational purpose, so that the fund will provide the maximum service to the community through the advancement of higher education.

Date

Denise (Martin) Meyer

Date

Glen Oaks Community College
Foundation Representative