



## **Gary W. Snyder, PhD 1954 – 2012**

Gary Snyder was a dedicated employee and brilliant scientist, and this scholarship program was established to encourage young people to follow in that path.

Gary was a 1972 graduate of St. Albans High School and held a bachelor's degree in biology from Glenville State College and a PhD in botany from Ohio's Miami University. He was a former professor at Glenville State College, in Glenville, WV and Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, OH.

Gary received many accolades for his work and was instrumental in guiding the environmental cleanup efforts at the uranium enrichment facilities in Piketon, Ohio, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was a skilled technical writer.

Gary shared his love of nature, plants, and the environment in many ways including through leading field studies associated with his classes and sharing beautiful photos he had taken during his travels. He was always willing to lend a hand to those in need and had a wonderful sense of humor. He could always coax a smile or laugh out of his family, friends, and co-workers.

Wastren Advantage, Inc. (WAI), for whom Gary worked, established the scholarship in 2012 to show its appreciation for his dedication and hard work, as well as honor his memory. MGC Holdings took over the scholarship program when WAI was purchased in early 2018. WAI Construction Group, LLC will be offering the scholarship this year.

Gary understood the need for continued learning and would go out of his way to mentor those who expressed interest. This scholarship is a way for Gary's passions to pass to future generations.

Up to five \$1,000 Gary W. Snyder Memorial Scholarships are awarded each spring to students from Pike, Ross, Scioto and Jackson counties who will be attending Shawnee State University.



# Gary W. Snyder Memorial Scholarship Program

## Official Application

Please return completed applications, postmarked no later than **April 21, 2023**, to:

WAI Construction Group, LLC  
Attn: Gary W. Snyder Memorial Scholarship Program  
1571 Shyville Road  
Piketon, Ohio 45661  
Email: [marty.tomlison@waicg.com](mailto:marty.tomlison@waicg.com)

### Overview

The Gary W. Snyder Memorial Scholarship Program is available to graduating seniors attending high school in Jackson, Pike, Ross, or Scioto County who are interested in pursuing higher education at Shawnee State University (SSU).

Under the program, a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to up to five students upon acceptance/enrollment at SSU. The scholarship money will be paid directly to SSU into the students' accounts.

Scholarship winners are selected by a committee that will thoroughly examine all applications.

### Application Process

- 1) Fill out the application.
- 2) Make sure to include all required attachments
  - 1) Official High School Transcript
  - 2) Two letters of recommendation from teachers
  - 3) Student essay (no longer than one page, no smaller than 10-pt font). This essay can provide background information on the student, describe any financial need, discuss educational goals, or otherwise give reason to the committee why this person should receive a scholarship.
- 3) Make sure your complete application, with all support documentation, is mailed to WAI Construction Group, LLC, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 21, 2023**.

### Selection

- 1) All students who apply by the deadline and who meet the minimum requirements stated above will be eligible for the scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee will thoroughly examine all complete applications.
- 2) The announcement of the winners will be made by May 8, 2023.



**To be completed by applicant:**

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
  2. GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_
  3. List all clubs with positions held, extracurricular activities, and awards received:  
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  4. List any volunteer activities or community service projects:  
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  5. Expected Major/Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Attach the following required documentation:
    - Current high school transcripts
    - Two letters of recommendation from teachers
    - One-page essay/letter to the committee
- Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

