

James A. Gates Oak Park District 97 Teacher Scholarship

From 1973-2006 James A. Gates was an employee of District 97. During his term of service, he was a language arts and social studies teacher and department chair, student council sponsor, boys' basketball coach, academic team leader, and served the Oak Park Teachers' Association in a number of roles including multiple terms as President. He retired in June of 2006 and established this scholarship in February of 2007.

- Annual award: \$1,000.00
- The scholarship is a one-time award and must be applied directly to an educational student loan. Scholarship payment will be made directly to a financial or academic institution.
- Eligibility:
 1. The applicant must be a current, full- time employee of Oak Park Elementary School District 97.
 2. The applicant must be in his/her first or second year of teaching in Oak Park Elementary School District 97.
 3. The applicant must be a certified teacher.
 4. The applicant must be a member of the Oak Park Teachers' Association.
 5. The applicant must submit a response to the question listed on the **APPLICATION** page.

To apply, please complete and submit the attached **APPLICATION** and essay to the *James A. Gates Oak Park District 97 Teacher Scholarship Committee* and return it to:

The James A. Gates Oak Park District 97 Teacher Scholarship
Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation
1049 Lake Street, Suite 204
Oak Park, IL 60301

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the *James A. Gates Oak Park District 97 Teacher Scholarship Committee* based on the essay submitted. The *Committee* will **NOT** know the names of the applicants. Scholarship recipients will be notified as soon as possible.

Applications will be available through the Oak Park Elementary School District 97 Human Relations Department, the Oak Park Teacher's Association and through Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation.

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APPLICATION

Name _____

Home address _____

City, state, zip code _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

District 97 home base school _____

ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HOLDING LOAN

Name _____

Address _____

City, state, zip code _____

ESSAY DIRECTIONS AND TOPICS

On a separate page, please submit a word processed/typewritten, double-spaced, one page
(**and no longer**) response to this question:

**How will you positively affect the futures of your students, embody a worthy role
model for your colleagues, and enhance the quality and the reputation of Oak Park
Elementary School District 97?**

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