

The Robert H. and Barbara Wood Scholarship

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY • SEIDMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

This scholarship, initiated by Robert H. and Barbara Wood, provides awards to Seidman College of Business students who demonstrate interest in and a passion for entrepreneurship.

An interest in promoting access to higher education, resulting in long-term economic growth in West Michigan, drives Robert and Barbara Wood's commitment to a scholarship in the business school. The former Chairman and C.E.O. of G&T Industries, Inc., World Resource Partners/Decorative Surfaces, Inc., Hemisphere International, and More Space Place, Inc. (Murphy Bed Centers of America), Mr. Wood was instrumental in the management of major suppliers to many important markets including business and residential furniture, marine, recreational vehicle, aircraft and commercial wall covering. Now retired, Mr. Wood was an active member of the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association and served as the first associate member of its board. He is an active participant in numerous business and community affairs. He and his wife, Barbara, are pleased to provide a stepping stone to selected Grand Valley State University business students.

Scholarship Criteria

- ◆ Recipients must be entering their junior year, having completed a minimum of 55 credit hours by April 15 and intend to get a BBA, with full-time status as a degree-seeking student pursuing an entrepreneurship minor or entrepreneurship certificate.
- ◆ Candidates must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater (4.0 system) and recipients shall be making satisfactory academic progress according to the norms established by the University and the Seidman College of Business.
- ◆ Demonstration of financial need is not required.
- ◆ Transfer candidates must be accepted by Grand Valley State University for enrollment, and recipients must be attending the University to be eligible to receive this scholarship.
- ◆ Candidates must submit a personal essay ... see below. Note that a personal interview may be part of the selection process.

Essay

(limited to 750 words) Please attach a typed essay written about yourself and your interest in entrepreneurship. Help the Entrepreneurship Scholarship Committee understand your uniqueness and see you as a person, as a student, and a future entrepreneur.

Remember that the Committee will read many essays, and you should help them understand why you should receive a scholarship. Your essay will weigh heavily in their decision.

What to include in the essay?

- ◆ Your view of the role of entrepreneurs in the community
- ◆ Where you see yourself in 5 years and the steps you are taking to get there
- ◆ Individuals you admire in the business community and why
- ◆ Your understanding and views on key elements of the entrepreneurial life such as innovation, risk taking, and the like.

By signing this application, you have testified that the essay is your work alone. Also, you agree that the Entrepreneurship Scholarship Committee may review your academic records at Grand Valley State University.

Signature _____ Date _____

NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____	
PHONE _____	EMAIL ADDRESS _____
STUDENT ID # _____	GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____
BUSINESS MAJOR _____	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE	

Renewable for Senior Year Upon Satisfactory Performance

Please submit applications by **July 30, 2009**:

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