

DONALD R. GILMORE TRUST

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Dr. Troy Knechtel

University School

68 Martha Culp Ave, Johnson City, TN

Dear Dr. Troy Knechtel,

I am writing to inform you about scholarships available to high school graduates who intend to enroll as a full-time student at Dartmouth College, in Hanover N. H. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Trustee for the Donald R. Gilmore Trust. Mr. Gilmore was a graduate from Dartmouth College class of 1948. He and his wife decided that upon their deaths, some of their assets would go into a trust to fund scholarships for students from this geographic area to attend Mr. Gilmore's alma mater. In order to qualify for the scholarship, the only requirements are that students be a graduate from a certain high school, including University School, and enroll as a fulltime student at Dartmouth. As one of the top colleges in the world, Dartmouth has very rigorous admissions standards. Mr. Gilmore felt any student who is offered one of their coveted spots is worthy to receive a scholarship.

The scholarship will be renewable each year of attendance for four years, so long as the student is enrolled fulltime and remains in good academic standing with Dartmouth College. As trustee of the scholarship fund, I will disburse a minimum of \$50,000.00 each year directly to Dartmouth to provide assistance to specific students. Once a student receives the scholarship, he or she will continue to receive the same amount for each year until he or she completes four years. Likewise, students admitted to one of Dartmouth's graduate programs may receive a scholarship. For example, if I receive verification of two students who will attend Dartmouth in autumn 2017, I will award each student a minimum of \$25,000 each year for four years of attendance at Dartmouth. In other words, they will share the money that I will disburse annually. Also, I am eager to award additional scholarship money to any student who applies for "early admission" and can verify their intention to attend Dartmouth at least one semester in 2017. To qualify for this additional scholarship, I must receive notification that the student gained "early admission" no later than December 12, 2016, and preferably sooner than December 9, 2016. While I cannot calculate the exact amount of the extra award at this time, a student who acquires early admission in the next couple of months may potentially receive \$50,000 in scholarship money to attend Dartmouth. Again, if more than one student receives early admission, these funds will be shared by the students.

This scholarship is offered to all high school seniors who reside in one of ten counties in upper East Tennessee, or in one of eight counties in southwest Virginia, or who reside in Wrentham, Massachusetts. This trust fund is Mr. Gilmore's way of giving back to the communities that he so loved. Mr. Gilmore was a very successful and intelligent man and he was very pleased with the undergraduate and graduate degrees he obtained at Dartmouth College. He was a respected economist who loved to travel the world. His legacy is to encourage others to likewise pursue an academic career at Dartmouth. It is my hope that one of your students will benefit from The Donald R. Gilmore Trust. If you have a student who is applying to Dartmouth, either for regular or early admission, please notify me. If they are accepted, I will need a copy of their letter of acceptance and will begin arrangements for the award of the scholarship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the number listed above. Because I am unable to devote myself to this position as Trustee on a full-time basis, please leave me a message with your name and telephone number. Specify that you are calling in regard to the Gilmore Trust. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Atkins
Trustee
Donald R. Gilmore Trust

CC/Ms. Aleeta Shaw