



Gulf Coast State College Foundation's Conflict of Interest for Scholarship Selection

Applicants are comprised of students attending or planning to attend Gulf Coast State College. It is a realization that members of any review and scoring committee may have some interaction or contact with scholarship applicants due to job duties. It is this interaction that the following rules exist for the members who participate in the review and scoring of scholarship applications and/or the selection of scholarship recipients.

Rules Violation: If a member of any scholarship scoring and/or selection committee violates any rule and it is reported to the Foundation, the Foundation will forward the complaint to the College if deemed necessary. If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the member will be removed from all Foundation scoring and selection committees.

Acceptance of Cash or Gifts: A member of any scholarship scoring and/or selection committee is **prohibited** from accepting a cash payment, stipend, or gifts in return for: 1) Selecting a particular scholarship applicant or applicants. 2) For advice or guidance. (Advice or guidance must be free). 3) Completing or helping to complete a scholarship application. 4) Drafting or writing of a scholarship essay question or questions.

Falsifying Information: A member of any scholarship scoring and/or selection committee is **prohibited** from helping an applicant falsify or plagiarize information on a scholarship application.

Immediate Family: A member of any scholarship scoring and/or selection committee is **prohibited** from scoring an application or selecting a member of their *immediate* member must "abstain" from participating. A member should notify the Chairperson or Foundation staff member if this situation occurs.

Opting Out (Scoring Committee) A member of any scholarship scoring and/or selection committee has the option of **not scoring** a scholarship application or participating in the selection of a particular applicant. Especially if the scoring or selection causes a personal or professional conflict of interest. A member should notify the Chairperson or Foundation staff member if this situation occurs.