

*“God has laid on my heart  
to do what I can for young people.”*

- Willie E. Gary



**Willie E. Gary** shares a great deal of his time and wealth with others.

He and his wife, Gloria, have founded The Gary Foundation to help “give youth the opportunity to reach their dreams by giving them alternatives to crime and drugs, such as education.”

The Foundation, provides scholarships, direction and other resources to help enhance the lives of young people who are committed to earning a college education.

The Gary Foundation is committed to helping our young people by awarding scholarships and providing funding for agencies such as the Gertrude Walden Day Care Center as well as institutions of higher learning. Willie and Gloria Gary have contributed to numerous educational institutions, including \$100,000 to Bethune Cockman College, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial College and the Morehouse School of Religion and \$10 million to Shaw University.



**GARY**

FOUNDATION

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## Our Mission:

To give youth the opportunity  
to reach their dreams  
by giving them alternatives  
to crime and drugs —  
such as education.

## Our Vision:

To one step at a time, through  
providing educational opportunities  
and positive role models,  
reclaim our youth from the threat  
of violent crime and drugs.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q. When was The Gary Foundation created?**

**A.** Willie and Gloria Gary created The Gary Foundation in 1994 to provide our youth with alternatives to drugs and crime through education. The Gary's eldest son, Kenneth, is president and CEO of The Gary Foundation.

## **Q. What scholarship programs are offered through the Gary Foundation?**

**A.** The Gary Foundation offers two scholarship programs. The first is called the **Willie & Gloria Gary Challenger Scholarship Program**. The Gary Foundation awards this college scholarship to 8th-grade students each year as an incentive to finish high school and go on to college. The second scholarship offered is **The Gary Foundation Scholarship Program** and it is available to high school seniors who live in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, Palm Beach, Okeechobee counties in South Florida as well as students who live in The Bahamas. High School seniors who live in this area may apply for this scholarship by filling out an application and submitting a written essay about why they want to go to college. What makes this scholarship unique is that there is no minimum requirement grade point average needed to apply, nor is the recipient required to maintain a minimum GPA in college.

## **Q. What else does The Gary Foundation do to support education?**

**A.** The Gary Foundation has pledged hundreds of millions of dollars to more than a dozen colleges throughout the country – including many of our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In 1991, The Gary Foundation pledged \$10 million to Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. In addition, The Gary Foundation helps recruit students on behalf of HBCUs throughout the country – such as Shaw, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial College, Florida A&M University, Bethune Cookman College, Howard University and numerous other HBCUs throughout the country.

## **Q. What annual events does The Gary Foundation sponsor?**

**A.** The Gary Foundation sponsors the annual Willie E. Gary Celebrity Golf Classic in December to raise money for scholarships as well as the Willie E. Gary Football Classic in September between Shaw University and Edward Waters College at ALLTEL Stadium in Jacksonville, FL to help raise money for scholarships for each of the two schools. The Gary Foundation also co-sponsors the "Dream Big Dreams – Role Model Days" and the nationwide "Making Better Communities" tour put on by the MBC Cable Television Network under the leadership and direction of Chairman & CEO Willie E. Gary.

## **Q. How do I submit a request?**

**A.** All requests must be made in writing and sent to the attention of Kenneth E. Gary at 221 S.E. Osceola Street, Stuart, FL 34994. Requests by phone will not be considered. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for your request to be processed as The Gary Foundation receives literally hundreds of requests each week and our staff does its best to process these requests in a timely manner. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The Gary Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to at-risk students who wish to go to college. The Gary Foundation does not review business proposals or requests for venture capital from people and/or companies who are seeking investment partners.**

## **Q. How do I get more information about The Gary Foundation?**

**A.** You may contact us at **1-800-329-4279** or visit our website at **www.garyfoundation.com**.



# Kenneth E. Gary

*President & CEO of The Gary Foundation, Gary Enterprises*

**K**enneth E. Gary, the eldest son of Willie and Gloria Gary, has used athletics and education to follow in his parents philanthropic footsteps.

Born in Raleigh, N.C., Mr. Gary has used education and athletics to build a successful career in business.

Since 2000, he has been the President and CEO of Gary Enterprises based out of Stuart, FL. As president & CEO of Gary Enterprises, Mr. Gary handles real estate transactions, investments and manages more than a half dozen properties.

In addition to running the family business, Mr. Gary devotes a large portion of his time to The Gary Foundation, where he also serves as president & CEO.

The Gary Foundation was created by Willie and Gloria Gary in 1994 to help give young people an alternative to drugs and crime through education and sports.

The Foundation features several types of scholarships. The Willie and Gloria Gary Challenger Scholarship awards college scholarships to 8th-graders in an effort to encourage them to finish high school and go on to college.

The Gary Foundation Scholarship program awards scholarships to high school seniors, who are not necessarily at the top of their class.



"There a lot of scholarships out there for A and B students," Gary said. "We want to reach out to those students who maybe haven't reached their full potential yet, but who still dream of getting a college education."

In addition, The Gary Foundation sponsors "Dream Big Dreams – Role Model Days" for students throughout the country, featuring his father Willie E. Gary, Alonzo Mourning, Evander Holyfield, Cecil Fielder, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Tyra Banks, Chris Tucker, Isaac Hayes and other well-known celebrities.

Mr. Gary also spends a great deal of time speaking to young people, inspiring them to be the best they can be. In return, The Gary Foundation often rewards students who meet certain goals with outings to ball games and a variety of other special events.

Kenneth Gary is a 1987 graduate of Martin County High School in Stuart, FL, where he lettered in football and track. He went on to play football at the University of Miami before transferring to North Carolina Central University, where he graduated with his degree in Political Science.

Mr. Gary has two children Joshua, 14, and Alexis, 11.



# TESTIMONIALS



I am currently attending Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. I am originally from Belle Glade, Florida where I attended Glades Central High School. Because of the Willie E. Gary Scholarship I was able to attend this prestigious university on a full-time basis, and meet a variety of people from all works of the earth. Again, thanks you so much for your thoughtfulness, and do please continue to help.

**Hope Celandria Christler**

The Willie Gary Scholarship has been a major blessing in my life. I was fortunate enough to receive this scholarship in the Spring of 2002. I have been able to buy my required textbooks, obtain school supplies and pay for my classes. Not having to worry about meeting class payment deadlines, it has allowed me to fully concentrate on my schoolwork.

**Quiana Santos**

In Florida, colleges require that you take summer classes. My government scholarships do not pay for these classes. Thanks to the Willie Gary Scholarship, I was able to meet my college requirements and buy textbooks during the summer. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

**Bianca Santos**

I am proud to say that the Gary Foundation has helped me tremendously. The scholarship has helped me to make it through my first year in college without any financial worries. I thank the founders and the staff of the Gary Foundation for giving me the opportunity to continue on with my education.

**Linton Clarke**



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# APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO  
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Semester you wish to enter: Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_ Summer 20\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: Fall Semester - July 30 Spring Semester - November 30**

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Sex Race (optional)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip County

Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

GED Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Address of GED Test Center \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

*(Any falsification will result in denial of scholarship)*

Family Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother (Maiden Name) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Husband (if Married) <input type="checkbox"/> Wife (if Married)
Full Name <small>if deceased, write deceased after name</small>			
Occupation			
Education Level			
Present Mailing Address			

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS CONTINUED ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

Number of Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-School \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in Florida \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average based on 4.0 scale (unweighted) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in class \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Field of study you plan to pursue \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of college you plan to attend:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ accepted

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ accepted

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ accepted

List all sports for each year and any leadership positions or awards or honors you have received in sports while a high school student:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost per year of college \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parents or other relatives willing and able to assist you financially? If so, to what extent?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How much money have you saved for post-secondary education? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special financial circumstances or problems that should be considered? (Such as single income household, medical expenses.) \_\_\_\_\_

Financial need: Please indicate your family's income  under \$15,000  \$15,000 - \$20,000  \$20,000 - \$25,000  
 \$25,000 - \$30,000  \$30,000 - \$35,000  \$35,000 - \$50,000  over \$50,000

**PLEASE TYPE A BRIEF ESSAY ABOUT YOURSELF. (attach to application)**

**Please submit two letters of reference.**

The undersigned agrees that the information furnished on this application is complete and correct, and that any deliberate omission or falsification of information may result in denial of scholarship.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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