



*General Information*

**What is the purpose of the Ryan Keller Gymnastics Scholarship?**

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Ryan Keller, a Golden Gymnastics team member, who lost his life in an auto accident on March 4, 2003. Ryan had just turned 16 two months before and was driving in a snowstorm on a steep hill when he lost control of his car. Ryan was a class IV gymnast who was looking forward to competing at the 2003 Regional Championships in Utah at the time. Ryan was a wonderful, caring, sincere, thoughtful, intelligent, full-of-life young man with so much promise. He was an Honor student and a member of Student Government at Dakota Ridge High School in Littleton. He was also an active member of the High School Youth Group at his church. He enjoyed many other activities including soccer, paint ball, technical mountain climbing, scuba diving, skateboarding, and skiing/snowboarding. But most of all he loved gymnastics.

Steve Artemis was Ryan's gymnastics coach for ten years. Steve fondly remembers Ryan's work ethic and sense of humor. Ryan was very excited to finish the season so he could train to move up to Class III. He was a very dedicated gymnast and loved the sport. In fact, he was on his way to coach at Champion Gymnastics Academy when the accident occurred.

Ron, Karen, Michelle, and Alyssa Keller, with the help of Steve Artemis, former owner and Head Coach of Golden Gymnastics, have established the Ryan Keller Gymnastic Scholarship in Ryan's honor. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating male senior currently competing in USAG Boys Gymnastics in Colorado or Wyoming to help defray their college expenses.

**Who will administer the scholarship?**

Ron and Karen Keller, along with Steve Artemis, will administer the scholarship.

**Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?**

Any male graduating senior high school student from Colorado or Wyoming who is currently competing in USA gymnastics and will pursue his college or post-secondary education is eligible. It is not required that the recipient(s) of the scholarship continue participating in gymnastics after graduation.

*Note: Acceptance of this scholarship could affect your NCAA sports eligibility, depending upon your individual situation. Please check with your school for details.*

**How do I apply for the scholarship?**

- This application and recommendation letters must be **received** by the scholarship committee on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- The application must be typed or VERY CLEARLY written. We want you to have the greatest possible chance of receiving the scholarship. Typed applications will be easier for the scholarship committee to read.
- **If emailing this application, please title it *Ryan Keller Gymnastics Scholarship* so it does not get deleted accidentally!**
- PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN DETAIL TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE A SENSE OF WHO YOU ARE. It is hard to get to know you through short or missing answers.
- **Two (2)** recommendation letters are needed to complete the application -- one from your gymnastics coach and a second from a teacher or a professor. **THESE ARE REQUIRED and should be on official letterhead.**

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The recommendation letters should address your work habits, character, athletic participation, pursuit of academic goals, and your relationship with the person writing the letter. **The recommendation letters need not accompany your application but they do need to be received by the scholarship committee on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

- Your completed scholarship application must contain the following items:
  1. This application form -- completed and signed
  2. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
  3. A copy of your current High School transcript

### Where do I send the completed application?

Mail all application materials to: **Ron and Karen Keller, 6462 S. Queen Court, Littleton, CO 80127.** OR Email to: [KarenOT001@aol.com](mailto:KarenOT001@aol.com). Please be sure to make your Subject line: **Ryan Keller Gymnastic Scholarship**

### What is the amount of the scholarship?

This year because of a generous donation, we are awarding TWO scholarships. The amount of the first scholarship is \$3,000 and the amount of the second scholarship is \$1500. The scholarship check will be made payable in your name and will be sent to the Bursar's office of the college or university of your choice.

### Who will make the Scholarship decision?

Ron, Karen and Alyssa Keller along with Steve Artemis will make the decision of who will be awarded the Ryan Keller Gymnastic Scholarships.

### What are the requirements for scholarship recipients?

Scholarship recipients must use the scholarship for college or post-secondary education.

### What are the deadlines and other relevant dates?

The deadline for receipt of Scholarship applications including transcripts and letters of recommendation is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Mail to: **Ron and Karen Keller, 6462 S. Queen Ct., Littleton, Colorado 80127**

Email to: [KarenOT001@aol.com](mailto:KarenOT001@aol.com) Be sure to title it **Ryan Keller Gymnastics Scholarship**

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Who do I contact if I have questions?

Ron and Karen Keller  
(303) 972-2415  
[KarenOT001@aol.com](mailto:KarenOT001@aol.com)

OR Steve Artemis  
Golden Gymnastics  
(303) 980-5842

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APPLICATION Please complete the following:

Name

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone number - Daytime:

Evening:

High School GPA:

Year Graduating High School:

Planned Undergraduate Institution:

Planned Major:

***The application must be received by ON or BEFORE March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.***

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE DETAILS SO WE CAN FORM AN IDEA OF WHO YOU ARE.**

I. What are your athletic accomplishments? (Outline your participation in sports and fitness, past and present.)

II. What are your athletic goals for the coming year and for the next five years?

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**III.** What are your academic goals?

**IV.** What are your career goals?

**V.** How would this scholarship contribute to meeting your goals?

**VI.** Please outline your honors and activities.

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**VII.** Income Information for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Student's Estimated Salary/Wages \$

Other Scholarships \$

Other Student Income \$

Total Estimated Student Income \$

**VIII.** Please add any additional information you feel might be useful in helping the committee get to know who you are. Thank you for applying and good luck!