Access II, Independent Living Center
Ed "Eddie" Grimes Scholarship
Application Form

One $500 scholarship awarded on May 1st, 2026

Applicants: Please submit **completed application** and attach essay, 2 letters of recommendation, documented disability, and official transcript to Access II Review Committee, 101 Industrial Parkway, Gallatin, MO 64640. **Application must be received by April 27th, 2026**.

Name of Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

SS No. ____/____/_____ **Date of Birth** ____/____/_____ **Phone No. (___)** _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (Apt. No.)

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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address (If available): _____

High School (Graduating from): _____

Post-Secondary Institution (Enrolled/Anticipated enrollment): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarship Criteria:

- Documented Disability: Copy of Diagnostic Summary, School Special Education Director release, or sign off page of current IEP
- Enrollment, or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors, GED graduates or current college students, technical training or in a two year or four-year post-secondary institution.
- Completed Application, including essay (One page, typed, double-spaced, on how you have impacted someone else's life through/with your disability)
- Two (2) letters of recommendations: One academic and one other (personal, work, etc.)
- ___Minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (attach official transcript)
- ___Scholarship will be paid to the recipient's chosen institution upon proof of enrollment.
- ___Are you working with Vocational Rehabilitation?

Access II is a consumer controlled non-residential service agency providing services to individuals with disabilities. Individual choices are encouraged and education provides a framework to make informed choices. Formal education is recognized as a key element in providing skills to increase a person's independence.

Ed "Eddie" Grimes at the age of 38 enrolled in college and graduated from North Central Missouri College in 1992. He completed his post-secondary education graduating Salutatorian with a B.A. in Creative Writing from Missouri Western State College in 1997. Eddie was awarded a full scholarship to attend UMKC Law School; unfortunately, was unable to fulfill his dream due to a diagnosis of end-stage emphysema.

Eddie understood the difficulties of everyday life as a person with a disability. Diagnosed with osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and emphysema he got around using a wheelchair and oxygen. But that did not deter him. When Eddie was not a student, he continued on the path of education by helping others. In 1997 Eddie became a teacher for the Adult Education Center in Gallatin, Missouri. He was a great role model but he would tell you himself that he wasn't a hero. He did all that he could to help local residents fulfill their dreams of attaining their GEDs, developing computer skills, and gaining the knowledge to live more independently.

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