

# Gateway Career Services Association 2024 Career Kit Award

\$750 Cash Scholarship Award

Purpose: For Professional Wardrobe & Office Supplies

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## Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student & have completed at least 60 hours at a four-year institution or 30 hours at a two-year institution as of January 1st, 2024.
2. Applicants must have maintained an overall Grade Point Average of 3.0/4.0.
3. Institution of applicants must be a current member of the Gateway Career Services Association (GCSA).
4. Applicants meeting the above requirements must submit all requested materials by (March 11, 2024).

## Application Materials:

The following materials must be submitted by (March 11, 2024):

1. Resume
2. A 500-word essay (typewritten, double-spaced—about two pages) addressing the following topics:
  - a. The function academics played in career preparation (including but not limited to knowledge, skills, and competencies gained from major areas of studies & from general education requirements)
  - b. How out-of-the-classroom experiences contributed to career preparation (i.e., co-op/internship experience, work experience, involvement in clubs/organizations, participation in athletics).
  - c. Explanation of the nature of assistance the scholarship will provide.
3. **IMPORTANT:** In this essay, **NO REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE APPLICANT'S NAME OR SCHOOL/INSTITUTION.**
4. **PLEASE INDICATE "Career Kit Award" IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER of the FIRST PAGE OF THE ESSAY.**
5. Unofficial transcript; if selected as a finalist, the Gateway Career Services Association will request an official transcript to verify enrollment and grade point average.
6. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIALS: March 11, 2024**

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## How to Submit Application Materials:

Email materials to [gcsastl@gmail.com](mailto:gcsastl@gmail.com). Email GCSA President, Cori Wagner Israel at [cori.wagner@slu.edu](mailto:cori.wagner@slu.edu) for questions or additional information.

## Selection Process:

*Completed application packets will be reviewed by a panel of Gateway Career Services Association members. Essays will be evaluated on conformity to topics, clarity of thought, correct spelling, grammar and punctuation. Award winner will be notified in late March 2024 and invited to attend the April GCSA conference to accept the award and address the group, if desired.*