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PEACHTREE CORNERS, Georgia – January 2, 2012 – Ashworth College (<http://www.ashworthcollege.edu/>), one of the leading [accredited online colleges](#)

, announced that it is now accepting applications for the 2013 Gary Keisling ACCESS Scholarship program. Applicants will vie for one of 18 scholarships with a combined tuition value of up to \$20,000.

Named for the online school's former President and CEO in recognition of Keisling's dedication and contributions to both Ashworth College and the field of distance education, the scholarship program will award 10 career diploma scholarships and four single semester's scholarships each toward Ashworth Associate and Bachelor's degree programs. The scholarships also include all of the student's course materials.

"Gary's personal mission was to open the doors of education to the underserved education population of America and we're excited to continue his legacy by offering these scholarships," said Rob Klapper, President of Ashworth College. He went on to explain that it is Ashworth's ongoing mission to provide affordable, quality education that gives graduates the career training employers want with zero student loan debt.

To be considered for an ACCESS Scholarship, all applicants must submit an application (www.ashworthscholarships.com) and an original 250-500 word essay. All applications are due by February 1, 2013 and recipients will be announced on March 1.

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First time students may apply for the career diploma scholarship and both existing Ashworth College students and transfer students may apply for a college degree scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be able to apply their award to their choice of programs which includes business, criminal justice, early childhood education, health care, skilled trades, technology, and more.

Cheyenne Ramsden, Ontario, Canada, was awarded a 2012 ACCESS Scholarship to pursue an [Ashworth College Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems](#). "I'm very honored to have been selected as a recipient. The value of this scholarship is far more than financial - it has inspired me to really make an effort. I wish to thank Ashworth College for their kindness and generosity."

In addition to the Ashworth College scholarships, sister school James Madison High School, is offering an additional four full ride scholarships for a regionally accredited high school diploma.

Gary Keisling ACCESS Scholarship program

Founded in 2011, the Gary Keisling Ashworth College Continuing Education for Student Success, or ACCESS Scholarship for short, was founded to honor the online school's former President and CEO, the late Gary Keisling. It was his personal and professional mission to offer affordable and accessible education to underserved populations who historically have had limited access to educational opportunities or an accredited diploma or degree.

Throughout his career, Keisling was regarded as an industry leader and an influential advocate for continuing education and students benefiting through distance education. For more information visit <http://www.ashworthscholarships.com/>.

About Ashworth College

Celebrating 25 years of *Educating Minds and Changing Lives*, leading online school Ashworth College has built a tradition of excellence by offering students worldwide an extensive range of

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and online high school diploma options that are affordable and fit the busy schedules of working adults. Ashworth offers military education as well as specialized programs for corporate partners and homeschoolers.

Headquartered in Peachtree Corners, GA, Ashworth is accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). The Accrediting Commission of the DETC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Ashworth is parent to James Madison High School which is accredited regionally by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of AdvancED and further provides career training and vocational programs in the fields of health, business, technology, education, and skilled trades through sister schools PCDI Canada, New York Institute of Photography and Sheffield School.