

Nikki Merritt Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Application

Mail the completed application form to:

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 392, Chelsea, OK 74016

GUIDELINES FOR NIKKI MERRITT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(2) \$500 scholarships to be given as \$250 per semester for one year.

- A. Only current high school seniors enrolled at Chelsea High School are able to apply. Family members of directors for the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce are ineligible to apply.
- B. Must be a High School senior or Graduated (GED equivalent) who plans to attend a two- or four- year accredited Oklahoma college, university, or career tech/trade school during the 2026-26 school year.
- C. Be required to carry a minimum of 12 hours per semester or equivalent in technical or trade school. (Verification is required each semester)
- D. Grade point requirement for high school and college students is 3.0 cumulative. E. Application must be filled out completely
- F. A certified copy of your transcript from high school must be submitted with the application.
- G. Three letters of recommendation must be submitted (1) from a counselor, current or former teacher, or current or former school administrator, (2) personal reference or preacher or minister and (3) any combination of the above
- H. Recipients will be notified by mail no later than May 10th
- I. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the recipient, but made payable to the recipient and the college, or trade school. Scholarships will be in the amount of \$250 per semester (total \$500 per year). Recipients are required to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and carry a minimum of 12 hours. Verification will be required of GPA along with proof of enrollment in the second semester before a check will be issued.
- J. Application must be received via mail by April 30th.

HOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED:

Scholarships are not based solely on academic performance, but demonstration of special talents, leadership, and/or community service. Demonstration of special talents could include placement in a state or national student organization, e.g. debate, music, FCCLA, FFA, BPA, NASA, etc. Demonstration of leadership could be holding an office in a student organization, developing a project, or actual job experience. Demonstration of community service could be volunteer work in a community project through school, club, or church. Secondary criteria for selection will be financial need, overall grade point average, and career goals.

The scholarship committee will review all applications and determine awards. **Application deadline is April 30, 2026.** All decisions by the scholarship committee are final. Applications are numbered upon receipt so that they may be reviewed anonymously. Applications are also ranked in the aforementioned areas and discussion and selection are based on the top ranking applicants. Scholarship money will be dispersed upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the fall semester at any accredited Oklahoma educational institution **(which must be submitted by August 15, 2026 to receive scholarship funds by the end of August.)** To be fully considered for this scholarship, all applicants must attach all of the following documents.

- 1 COMPLETED APPLICATION
- 2 THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- 3 APPLICANT ESSAY
- 4 OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Home Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail Address:

Parent/Guardian:

Parents Place of Employment:

Other family members & age:

Date of Birth:

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Schools attended by name and location:

Elementary:

Middle/Junior High:

High School:

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: ACT SCORE:

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Business:

Position:

Dates of Employment:

Weekly Hours:

Supervisor's Name:

Phone:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS

Activity/Club Position Held Hours Per Week Year of Participation

Leadership Awards and Honors:

FUTURE PLANS

Rank the top three areas of interest you would like to enter and the reason:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

FINANCIAL NEED

Indicate your college preference:

If you will be receiving any other type of financial assistance (athletic or academic scholarships, loans, grants, etc.), please list:

APPLICANT ESSAY:

Attach a 500 word typewritten essay. The essay should address how the award of this scholarship would assist you with your financial need or career goals. Also discuss how a community leader or volunteer has inspired you to be involved in your community.

SIGNATURES

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED AND INDICATE ON QUESTION.