



Keith E. Barnes Memorial Scholarship 2011-12 Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established in memory of Keith E. Barnes to provide academic scholarships to students graduating from Olathe North and Olathe South high schools who choose to pursue a career in science. Keith E. Barnes taught advanced science classes at both Olathe North and Olathe South for many years, and was a mentor to many of his students.

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation will award one Keith E. Barnes Memorial Scholarship annually to one graduating senior from Olathe North High School and one graduating senior from Olathe South High School. The amount of the scholarship will be \$10,000. It will be distributed in eight (8) equal installments.

Application Procedures

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation will furnish applications to the counselors at Olathe North and Olathe South high schools. The application will also be available online at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.

All applications should be neatly printed in black ink or typewritten. All applications should be completed in full and accompanied by the following required documentation, in the order listed:

- Completed application form
- Official transcript w/ GPA
- ACT or SAT test scores
- Financial Need Status form
- Two letters of reference
- Personal Statement/Essay

Completed applications should be submitted to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation offices, 315 N. Lindenwood, Olathe, Kansas 66062, by 4 p.m., Friday, March 9, 2012.

Late applications will not be accepted.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

A selection committee will review and evaluate all properly completed applications. A rating sheet will be used as part of the evaluation process. Each application must meet all eligibility requirements. The applicants will be ranked individually on the basis of the criteria outlined in the scholarship criteria section of this application.

Individual scholarship winner(s) will be notified by the Olathe Public Schools Foundation Executive Director. Notification will be made on or about April 15, 2012, prior to the completion of the spring semester.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To apply for this scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

Olathe High School Attendance: The applicant must be a senior at Olathe North or Olathe South High School.

Academic Standing: The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a weighted scale. An official transcript must be included with this application. The selection committee will verify this GPA with the official transcript.

College Entrance Examination: The applicant must have taken either the ACT or SAT college entrance examination and must furnish proof of the test scores. The scores may be verified either on the applicant's official transcript or with a separate record of the score attached to the application. The information should reflect the date the test was taken.

College Enrollment: The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either an accredited junior college or a four-year college or university. If available at the time of application, a copy of the acceptance letter for enrollment should be included with the application.

College Major: The applicant must pursue a science-related course of study. Prior to disbursement of scholarship funds, the applicant must provide proof from his/her college of choice of the declaration of a science major.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated and rated in the following four (4) areas:

- 1) **Strong work ethic**
- 2) **Passion for science**
- 3) **Academic achievement**
- 4) **Financial need**

References: Each applicant must provide two (2) letters of personal reference from persons other than relatives of the applicant. **Only one of these letters may be from a high school science teacher.** References must be typed, should not exceed one page in length, and must be attached to the application. References should include the name, address, email address, and daytime phone number of the person providing the reference, and the relationship of the writer should be indicated (teacher, counselor, employer, clergy). **No more than two references may be submitted for each applicant.**

Personal Statement: Each applicant must provide an essay addressing why they are pursuing a science-related course of study. The essay must not exceed two pages in length, must be double spaced, must be in at least 11 point type, and must have at least 1" margins on all sides.

Financial Need: Each applicant must list the expected cost of attending the college or university of their choice, and provide the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) amount from their FAFSA form.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the college or university. Scholarship funds will be paid in eight (8) equal installments over four years. Each yearly installment will be split equally between the fall and spring semesters. The recipient must be enrolled for 12 or more hours each semester, must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and must continue to have a major in a science-related course of study.

At the conclusion of each semester, the recipient is responsible for sending a copy of the recipient's grades for that semester and proof of enrollment for the next semester to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation no later than six (6) weeks after the conclusion of the previous semester. Along with the grade report, the recipient must annually submit a letter from a qualified faculty advisor in the recipient's major field (science) that he/she is pursuing a science-related course of study.

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete. I certify that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. If I am selected to receive a Keith E. Barnes Memorial Scholarship, I understand that I must pursue a science-related course of study. I also understand that any false statement in this application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.

In addition, if selected as a recipient of the Keith E. Barnes Memorial Scholarship from the Olathe Public Schools Foundation, I understand that the highest levels of conduct and integrity are expected of me. I further understand and agree that any improper conduct that brings embarrassment to the Foundation or Olathe District Schools will result in termination of my scholarship and the forfeiture of all future scholarship disbursements.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date_____

Applications will not be returned and become the property of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation.

APPLICATION

This page of the application form may be re-created to ensure a neat, organized application.

High School: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip : _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mother/ Guardian's Name: _____ **Daytime Phone Number:** _____

Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ **Daytime Phone Number:** _____

Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Un-Weighted GPA : _____ (GPA after completion of first semester of senior year)

Weighted GPA : _____ (GPA after completion of first semester of senior year)

ACT Taken: YES NO

Date(s) taken: _____

(Copy of official test results must be included with this application.)

SAT Taken: YES NO

Date(s) taken: _____

Please list the institutions to which you have applied: _____

Financial Need Status:

Applicant's Anticipated College Costs for one year:

Tuition: \$ _____

Room & Board: \$ _____

Books & Fees: \$ _____

Personal Expenses: \$ _____

Total College Expenses for One Year: \$ _____

Estimate of Finances Available for one year:

Parent/Guardian's Contribution (EFC from FAFSA form) \$ _____

EFC is the Estimated Family Contribution.

Please attach a copy of the FAFSA printout or a screenshot of your online form, showing the EFC amount.

**If you have trouble finding the EFC on your FAFSA form, please ask for assistance at your high school counseling office.*

Are there any special or unusual circumstances that would indicate that you have special financial need in order to attend college? _____

Parent/Guardian's Confirmation

I have reviewed this form, and this application is being made with my approval.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date : _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application must be completed in its entirety to be considered for the Keith E. Barnes Memorial Scholarship.