



# Olathe Public Schools Foundation

## Kathleen Macoubrie Smith Scholarship 2011-2012 Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established in memory of the late Kathleen Macoubrie Smith, a former Olathe teacher. It provides academic scholarships to students graduating from the high schools in Olathe District Schools who plan to major in English or Education with an emphasis in English at the University of Kansas. The Olathe Public Schools Foundation will award one Kathleen Macoubrie Smith Scholarship annually to one graduating senior of an Olathe high school. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,000. It will be distributed in two (2) equal installments.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation will furnish applications to the counselor and English teachers of each of the high schools in Olathe District Schools.

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

- Completed Application Form
- Official Transcript
- ACT or SAT test scores
- One letter of reference from an English teacher
- Essay

*Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.*

**Completed applications should be submitted to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation offices, 315 N. Lindenwood, Olathe, Kansas 66062, by 4 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2012.**

### **EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

A selection committee will review and evaluate all properly completed applications. 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.

Scholarship winner will be notified by the Olathe Public Schools Foundation Executive Director. Notification will be made on or about April 26, 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 in the Olathe School District.

**Academic Standing:** The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 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 be enrolled or plan to enroll at the University of Kansas, with a declared major of English or Education with an emphasis in English. A copy of the acceptance letter for enrollment should be included with the application.

**College Major:** The applicant must pursue a major of English or Education with an emphasis in English. Prior to disbursement of scholarship funds, the applicant must provide proof of his/her declared major from the University of Kansas.

## **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

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

**Activities:** The character of the applicant should be demonstrated through the applicant's responses on the Activities Summary of this application detailing leadership positions, activities, community service and work experience, academic honors, and awards.

**Essay:** Each applicant must attach to this application a typed, double-spaced essay (12-point font) with no more than 150 words. The essay should be themed *"How a degree in English (or Education with an emphasis in English) will contribute to my career goals."*

**Reference:** Each applicant must provide one (1) letter of personal reference from an English teacher. Reference must be typed, should not exceed one page in length, and must be attached to the application. Reference should include the name, address, email address, and daytime phone number of the person providing the reference. No more than one reference may be submitted for each applicant.

**Financial Need:** Each applicant must list the expected cost of attending the University of Kansas and detail how they expect to cover those costs. Please include any scholarships already received.

**PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY**

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the University of Kansas. This scholarship will be paid in two installments. Each semester, based on proof of enrollment, the student will receive a \$500 scholarship, totaling \$1,000 for the academic year. The recipient must be enrolled for 12 or more hours each semester, must have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale after the first semester, and must continue to major in English or Education with an English emphasis. It is the responsibility of the recipient to submit proof of enrollment in the form of a schedule or statement for tuition showing total credit hours, along with proof of declared major to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation in order to receive payment. Prior to the spring disbursement of the scholarship, the recipient is responsible for sending a copy of the recipient's GPA for the fall semester and proof of enrollment for the spring semester to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation.

Recipient has until October 15, 2012, to claim the first disbursement of his/her scholarship. Recipient has until March 15, 2013, to claim the second disbursement. Any unclaimed funds will be returned to the scholarship fund.

**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 Kathleen Macoubrie Smith Scholarship, I understand that I must major in English or Education with an English emphasis. 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 Kathleen Macoubrie Smith 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**

*These pages of the application form may be re-created to ensure a neat, organized application.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State and Zip :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:** Y / N

**Date(s) taken:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SAT Taken:** Y / N

**Date(s) taken:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your intended field of study:

- English       Education with an emphasis in English

**ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**

**Non-school activities**

List and briefly describe up to six (6) non-school activities in which you have been involved. Please indicate the year(s) you participated. Feel free to include work experience.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**School-related activities**

List and briefly describe up to six (6) school activities in which you have been involved. Please indicate the year(s) you participated.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**English Honors and Awards**

List and briefly describe up to six (6) English honors you have earned and the year(s) earned.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Status:**

(Parent/Guardian) Please check the appropriate gross taxable income for last year:

Less than \$35,000                       \$35,001 to \$55,000  
 55,001 to \$100,000                       over \$100,000

# of dependent children: \_\_\_\_\_ # of dependent children in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of these children receiving scholarships (full or partial)? \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Summer Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scholarships Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**Total Available Assets \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

College Expenses for One Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Assets \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Difference (Expense minus assets) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Parent's Confirmation**

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

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_