



Olathe Public Schools – Retired Employees Association

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application **must arrive by Friday, March 9, 2012**

at the following address:

OPS/REA Scholarship Committee
315 N. Lindenwood
Olathe, Kansas 66062
(913) 780-7002

CRITERIA:

- Olathe High School Senior
- Pursuing a **teaching career** in **elementary or secondary education**
- 3.0 **Unweighted** Grade Point Average (Grades 9-12)
- Copy of high school transcript including 1st semester of senior year
- Two (2) letters of recommendation **from school personnel**
- Will attend a **Kansas** 2 or 4 year college
- Follow the format of this application, including essay questions

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE, except for Signature

Student Name:

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address:

(Street) (City) (State/Zip)

Home Phone: () _____ **Sex:** ___ Male ___ Female

High School: Olathe _____ **Date of Graduation** _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

High School Counselor: _____

Intended College: _____

A scoring rubric will be used by a selection committee to rate all applications from each high school. A maximum of four (4) \$500.00 scholarships will be presented with no more than one to each high school.

BE SURE TO SIGN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS APPLICATION

Part 1: Academics; Grades, Class Rank, Test Scores based on Transcript (25 Pts.)

Part 2: Student Activities: List all the student activities in which you have participated during grades 9-12. Especially note any **leadership** positions you have held. (20 Pts)

Part 3: Special Recognitions, Awards and Honors: List all recognitions, awards and honors you personally received during grade 9-12. Include honor rolls, team MVP, etc. (15pts)

Part 4: Non-School Activities: List all non-school activities, such as community service, clubs, church, etc. Especially note positions of leadership. (15 Pts)

Part 5: Need for Financial Assistance: Explain a little about your need for financial assistance. List any siblings who are also attending college or will be in the near future. (10 Pts)

Part 6: Part 6: Essay Portion: Using good sentence structure and paragraphs, explain your reasons for deciding to pursue a teaching career. This section is the **most important** and is graded by a writing scoring rubric. You may use the back of this sheet or another page if needed. (50 Pts)

Part 7: 2 Letters of Recommendation from School Personnel. You may also include an extra letter from a church or other community leader telling about leadership in this area. (20 pts.)

Scholarship award (**\$500**) will be sent directly to the recipient's college when **proof of enrollment** is provided to: Olathe Public Schools Foundation, 315 N. Lindenwood, Olathe, KS 66062.

If I am selected for this scholarship, I grant permission to publicize the awarding of this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

This Scholarship will be presented during the student's high school's Honors/Awards Assembly. You and your parents will also be invited to attend the Olathe Public Schools Retired Employees Association spring celebration event in late April. A letter notifying you of your selection and the exact date and time of the celebration will be sent in early April.