

The Bleakley Family Scholarship

In 1971, Charles Bleakley purchased land in west Olathe to raise cattle. He quickly realized the abundant opportunity in this community, its people and values. Over the decades he applied his skills as a developer and home builder to create residential neighborhoods, apartment communities and retail centers. Always mindful of the opportunity he found here, he has been committed to giving back to this community that means so much to him.

With the generous help of Charles' friends at The Gresham Group Realtors, a scholarship will be awarded to an Olathe West graduating senior who possess these same values and has demonstrated their own commitment to the Olathe community – a fitting compliment to opportunity, vision and a school district that has achieved distinction.

This \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to one student, in the hopes that it will enable them to better themselves academically and lighten the financial burden of college. This scholarship seeks to reward students who value community service, demonstrate some financial need, and see value in working hard to overcome adversity.

Students will be required to submit two letters of recommendation, as well as a short essay.

Application Procedures

All applications should be completed in full and accompanied by the following required documentation:

- Completed application form
- Official transcript w/GPA
- Personal Statement/Essay
- Two letters of reference

Application deadline: **4 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019**

Late applications will not be accepted.

Application packets should be dropped off or mailed to:

Olathe Public Schools Foundation

300 E. Loula, Olathe, KS 66061

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 current senior at Olathe West High School. The applicant must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.25 as of the end of the first semester of his or her senior year.
- **College Enrollment:** The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either an accredited community college, a four-year college or university, or a technical education program.

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PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the college or university. It will be the scholarship recipient's responsibility to provide proof of enrollment to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation in a timely manner, as directed in the award letter.

Personal Statement:

Each applicant must provide an essay (500-word maximum limit) responding to the following prompts:

“Describe an obstacle you overcame in your life with hard work, conviction to your principles and determination. Share how those life lessons will impact your decisions in the future including a commitment to giving back.”

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Student's e-mail address: _____

Student's phone number (xxx-xxx-xxxx): _____

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

Please list the institutions to which you have applied: _____

Please list your anticipated field of study: _____

Financial Status:

Please check the appropriate gross taxable income for your family last year

_____ Less than \$35,000

_____ \$35,001 to \$55,000

_____ \$55,001 to \$100,000

_____ over \$100,000

Number of dependent children who live in your main residence: _____

Number of those dependent children in college next year: _____

Please detail any circumstances that will help the judges understand any unique financial circumstances:

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Applicant Signature

By signing below, 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. I understand that if awarded this scholarship, that disbursement of funds is dependent upon me meeting the requirements set forth above.
