

The Nancy E. House Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was founded to honor Nancy E. House, who was a math teacher at Olathe South High School for 10 years. Nancy passed away suddenly in 2015, leaving her family, students and colleagues who cared for her dearly. Nancy was a gifted teacher, who possessed the traits needed to nurture each and every one of her students, even if they were not excelling in her course, or in others. She gave her students a place to be themselves, where she helped them not only academically but often emotionally as well. She gave the students who found school a challenge a place to learn at their own pace and believed that every student could excel no matter what they believed their limitations to be. Nancy knew that every one of her students were capable of higher education, and did everything she could to help themselves achieve their potential.

This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one college bound senior per year, in the hopes that it will enable them to better themselves academically and lighten the financial burden of college. This scholarship will serve students who may have a lower GPA than the minimum required for most academic awards. The recipient of this scholarship will be a student who may have struggled in math previously, but sought help from teachers and showed a serious effort to meet their academic goals. The perseverance to continue classes in which they may not seem to excel, in order that they may achieve higher education, are traits desired for this award. This scholarship seeks to award students who may have experienced adversity in their personal lives, which limited their academic achievement, but did not deter them from finishing their courses and reaching out for help when they needed it. Students will be required to submit one letter of recommendation from a math department teacher, as well as a short essay in which they may express their high school experience in mathematics and how their teachers helped them achieve their goals despite possibly not excelling at the subject.

Application Procedures

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

- Completed application form
- Official transcript w/GPA
- Personal Statement/Essay
- One letter of reference – must be from an Olathe South math teacher

Application deadline: **4 p.m. on March 2, 2018**

Late applications will not be accepted.

Application packets should be dropped off or mailed to:

Olathe Public Schools Foundation, 300 E. Loula Street, Olathe, KS 66061

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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 outline in the scholarship criteria section of this application.

The scholarship winner will be notified by the Olathe Public Schools Foundation Executive Director. Notification will be made prior to the completion of the spring semester. Scholarship will be presented at Olathe South Senior Awards night.

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 South High School. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 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 or a four-year college or university.

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 full-time enrollment to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation in a timely manner, as directed in the award letter.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated and rated in the following areas:

- Personal Statement/Essay
- Letter of Reference

Personal Statement:

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

Please express your future goals you have set for yourself and how your time at Olathe South with your current educators has put you on a path for higher education. Please put emphasis on your own ability to ask for help, and better your academic situation in order to attend college.

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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: _____

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.

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