

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

NEBRASKA ELKS ASSOCIATION

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These are open to high school seniors who plan to attend a Trade School, Technical School or Community College. These grants are for seniors who plan to attend a two year or less vocational-technical program for an associate degree, diploma or certificate. It is not intended for students who will be attending a four-year college. You cannot submit applications to both the Vocational Scholarship and the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship. One boy and one girl applicant will be submitted from each Nebraska Elks Lodge to the state association. Deadline for the application to be returned to the local Elks Lodge is January 1.

Qualifications:

1. **APPLICATION:** Applicant must use this Nebraska Elks Association Form. The form must be dated and signed by the applicant and the Lodge official. Typewritten applications and statements are preferred over handwritten submissions and must be signed in all instances. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations. Letters must be originals, on one side of a single sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, and signed by the applicant. Exhibits should be neat, concise and in chronological order. Letters of endorsement, etc. should be removed from envelopes and bound flat with other documents.

2. ORDER OF EXHIBITS:

A. Application - completed.

B. A statement by the applicant of not more than 200 words, summarizing his or her activities, accomplishments, needs and objectives, which the applicant thinks qualifies him or her for a grant, and outlines career goals and course planned.

C. A letter of not over 150 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation, and showing the applicant's family background (such as number of children in family, number of children still at home, and any information to establish factors to be judged under judging standards.)

D. A brief letter of endorsement from a responsible person, not related to applicant, other than an educator, who has had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can give a worthwhile opinion of the character, industry, disposition, and general worthiness of the applicant. Additional letters may be written if desired. No more than two additional letters may be written.

E. No more than two letters from educators. Letter(s) may cover applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity.

F. Grade record and scores from standardized tests. ACT, SAT, PSAT, PLAN, and ASVAB are examples of recognized acceptable tests.

H. All application material must be bound on the left side. The entire application should not exceed 20 pages.

Judging Will Be For The Following:

- 1. MOTIVATION-General worthiness, desire.**
- 2. NEED-Financial need, resourcefulness.**
- 3. SKILLS-Showing of good aptitude toward chosen vocation.**
- 4. GRADES & SCORES-Include copy of high school transcripts and test scores.**
- 5. BROCHURE- Will be judged on completeness, neatness, and ability to follow directions.**

IMPORTANT: Be sure your brochure is in the hands of the sponsoring Elks Lodge Chairman by **January 1**. Brochures received after this date cannot be accepted.

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