



NEBRASKA RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

To: NRCSA Member Schools

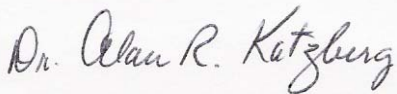
Re: Scholarships

Each year NRCSA honors excellence in member schools. Scholarships are awarded to students from schools holding current NRCSA memberships. Students planning to become teachers or other related occupations, such as counselors or media specialists may apply for these scholarships.

Only one female and one male application per school will be accepted. All applications are rejected if this rule is violated.

The application forms and guidelines for this year's scholarship are included in this correspondence.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Alan R. Katzberg". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dr. Alan R. Katzberg
Executive Director, NRCSA



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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The application form will be made available on the NRCSA web-site (www.nrca.net). The school may reproduce the form in the quantity necessary for student distribution. **Only one female and one male application per school will be accepted. All applications are rejected if this rule is violated.**
2. Applicant must attend a public or private college or university in Nebraska that is listed as a nonprofit school under 501-C Rules of the IRS.
3. Applicant must have a scholastic equivalency of a 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must have an ACT composite of 22 or SAT of 1020 (Math and Critical Reading composite only). **A school superintendent, principal, or guidance counselor must verify these scores.**
4. Selection will be based on equal weight given each of the following criteria: quality/neatness of application, academic achievement, level of involvement in activities, student goals, financial need, leadership, character, initiative, and school/community involvement.
5. **APPLICANT MUST BE PLANNING TO ENTER THE FIELD OF EDUCATION (I.E. TEACHER, MEDIA SPECIALIST, COUNSELOR, ETC.)**
6. A scholarship for first place, second place and third place will be awarded in both the male and female divisions. The amount of the scholarship for this year is yet to be determined.
7. The scholarship recipients must be graduating seniors of schools holding NRCSA school memberships.
8. Application **must** include three letters of recommendation, to include one administrator, one counselor, and one teacher. The applicant may choose to submit one additional letter of recommendation from a person of his/her own choosing. Letters of recommendation must contain information about leadership, character, initiative, and school/community involvement.
9. The completed application, letters of recommendation, student statement and financial information form must be submitted in one packet by the designated school official and post marked on or before **January 23, 2009** to:

Clint Kimbrough, NRCSA Scholarship Chairman
Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
810 Central Ave
Humboldt, NE 68376
10. Scholarship decisions will be made by the Lincoln Foundation no later than May 1 and scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student's college or university in August of that year. Students will be required to provide evidence of registration before funds will be sent.
11. **The applicant must meet all of the above basic requirements or the application will be rejected.**
12. The application form **may** be electronically reproduced.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

This application and four letters of recommendation must be submitted in one packet by the designated school official and postmarked on or before January 23, 2009.

Please submit to: Clint Kimbrough, NRCSA Scholarship Chairman
 Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
 810 Central Ave
 Humboldt, NE 68376

Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in schools holding current membership in NRCSA and planning to major in education leading to a Nebraska Teaching Certificate.

1. Student's full Name: _____

 Social Security Number: _____

 Student's Present Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

2. Student's High School: _____

 High School Address: _____

3. Student's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

4. Name of Student's Father/Guardian: _____

 Father/Guardian's Address: _____

5. Name of Student's Mother/Guardian: _____

 Mother/Guardian's Address: _____

6. Number of Brothers and Sisters: _____ Number of Siblings in College: _____



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PLAN OF STUDY

1. Name of College or University: _____

Address of Financial Aid Office: _____

2. Educational field of study: _____

3. Has student been accepted for admission? _____ If not, explain status _____

4. Does student plan to enroll for full-time study _____ If not, explain status: _____

EDUCATION

1. Name of High School: _____

Rank: _____ of _____ GPA (on 4.0 Pt. scale) _____

2. ACT Composite: _____ or SAT Total: _____

Minimum of 22

Minimum of 1020 (Math and Critical Reading Composite only)

Information verified by _____ Title: _____

(School Superintendent, Principal, or Counselor)

I authorize the release of pertinent information for publicity of this award if my child is selected a winner or alternate.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____



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LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM

1. Household 2007 adjusted gross income (Tax Form 1040): \$ _____
(NOTE: The 2007 AGI is utilized because of the short time-frame to prepare 2008 taxes.)
2. Tuition, fees, books and room/board for academic year. \$ _____
3. Household contribution toward college expenses: \$ _____
4. Scholarships and loans for education: \$ _____
5. Market value of parents' home: \$ _____ Mortgage balance: \$ _____
6. Do parents own a business or farm? _____ if so, market value: \$ _____
7. Medical and dental expenses over \$500 not covered by insurance. \$ _____
8. Interest, dividends, value of bank accounts, etc.: \$ _____
9. If there are any unusual financial circumstances, please explain:



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9. (Continued)

Student: _____

Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

List all academic honors and school/community activities in which you participated: (You may include this information on a separate sheet of paper attached to this application).



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STUDENT STATEMENT

(100-300 words) state below why you are deserving of this scholarship. *Include your goals.*