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LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS

★ **Deadline: April 30, 2021**

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Leadership Scholarship

The Claremore Chamber of Commerce Leadership Scholarship Program is designed to offer Claremore area students and adults seeking post-secondary educational and career tech/trade school training a one-time \$500 scholarship award to help further their educational goals. Proceeds/sponsors from the Gridiron are used to help fund the scholarship program. The Chamber is pleased to be able to invest in the future quality of life for our citizens and community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- High School Seniors within the 74017, 74018 or 74019 zip code designation.
- Graduates of high schools or current residents within the designated zip codes enrolled in Oklahoma colleges and universities
- Career tech/trade school students (any age and a resident of designated zip codes) who do not qualify for the 13th year program.
- Residents of designated zip codes who plan to attend a two- or four-year accredited **Oklahoma** college, university, or career tech/trade school during the next school year.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be obtained through area high school counselors, the Rogers State University admissions office, Northeast Tech Student Services (South Campus), or the Claremore Chamber of Commerce office.

- Complete the application
- Enclose references
- Enclose essay

HOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED

Scholarships are not based solely on academic performance, but demonstration of special talents, leadership, and/or community service. Demonstration of special talent could include placement in a state or national student organization, e.g. debate, music, FBLA, VICA, etc. Demonstration of leadership could be holding an office in a student organization, developing a project, or actual job experience. Demonstration of community service could be volunteer work in a community project through school, club, church, or employer. Demonstrating the desire to continue/begin education at the same time of being employed (full or part time). Secondary criteria for selection will be financial need, overall grade point average, and career goals.

The Chamber Leadership Scholarship Committee will review all applications and determine awards. Application deadline is **April 30, 2021**. All decisions by the scholarship committee are final. Applications are numbered upon receipt so that they may be reviewed anonymously. Applications are also ranked in aforementioned areas and discussion and selection are based on the top ranking applicants. The Committee retains the right to hold interviews for final selection. Scholarship money will be dispersed upon receipt of *proof of enrollment* for the fall semester at any accredited Oklahoma educational institution (**which must be submitted by September 3, 2021**) in order to receive scholarship.

To be fully considered for a Leadership Scholarship from the Claremore Chamber of Commerce, all applicants must attach all of the following documents:

- Completed application
- Educational letter of recommendation
- Employer letter of recommendation (if applicable)
- Community organization letter of recommendation
- Applicant essay

APPLICATION FORM

The Leadership Scholarship Program - Claremore Chamber of Commerce

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type or print in **BLACK** ink

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
NUMBER STREET OR RFD City State Zip

Are you 17 or over? ___yes ___no

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parents Place of Employment _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION Check one:

I am currently a resident of these designated zip codes: 74017, 74018, 74019 zip codes.

- High school senior
- High school graduate who has not attended college, career tech/trade school
- Career Tech / Trade School (not eligible for 13th year)
- Currently enrolled in college/university
- Adult- who plans on continuing education or re-training

If in high school: Name of school _____

Location of school _____
City State Zip

Attendance _____ to _____ Graduation Date _____

Current GPA ___/4.0 scale or ___/___ scale Type of School: Public ___ Private ___ Special or Magnet ___

Colleges, universities, post-secondary school(s) applied to:

If in college/career tech/ trade school: Name of college/university/post-secondary/Career Tech / Trade school(s) attended or presently attending:

Name of School _____ to _____
Address City State Month/Year Month/Year

Name of School _____ to _____
Address City State Month/Year Month/Year

Area of Study _____ Current GPA ___/4.0 scale or ___/___ scale

If returning to school: Name of School _____
Address City State Zip

Date Returning _____ Area of Study _____

School Contact _____ Title _____ Phone (____) _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Business _____ Position _____

Dates of Employment _____ to _____ Weekly Hours _____

Supervisor or Employer's Name _____ Phone Number _____

REFERENCES: Please attach two letters of recommendation from persons who would have knowledge of how you meet the scholarship criteria. Example: a school sponsor, employer, community organization sponsor.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Organizations, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, church activities etc.:

ACTIVITY POSITION HELD HOURS SPENT PER WEEK YEAR OF PARTICIPATION

Leadership awards and honors:

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are currently or will be receiving any other type of financial assistance (e.g., athletic or academic scholarships, loans, grants, etc.), please list.

APPLICANT ESSAY

Attach a maximum 750 word printed or typewritten essay. The essay should address how the award of this scholarship would assist you with your financial need or career goals and discuss how a community leader or volunteer has inspired you.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that all the information submitted in this application is truthful, to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the Claremore Chamber of Commerce; to use my name, photograph, and/or excerpts from my essay in all materials related to the Leadership Scholarship Program. I understand the scholarship will be awarded only if I attend a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or career tech/trade school in the **State of Oklahoma** during the next school year. I also verify my residence in the 74017, 74018, or 74019 zip codes.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed application
and all attachments by **April 30, 2021**, to:
Leadership Scholarship Committee
Claremore Chamber of Commerce • 419 W. Will Rogers Blvd. • Claremore, OK 74017