



Lee's Summit CARES' Community of Character Business Sector SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION General Information



The Lee's Summit CARES Community of Character Business Sector will award up to four scholarships annually in the amount of \$750.00 each. The scholarships may be awarded to one individual at each of the three Lee's Summit high schools as well as one at an additional local school. The focus of this grant is to reward excellent character. The scholarships are one-time awards granted at the end of the student's high school senior year and are to be used for expenses related to attending a two-year or four-year college, university or vocational school. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the post-secondary educational institution of the student by the Community of Character Business Sector.

Applicants must:

- be a high school senior.
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- have at least 50 hours of community service submitted to guidance.
- be in good standing with their high school (attendance, behavior and financially).
- adhere to the belief of Lee's Summit CARES of no alcohol or drug use.

Qualifications which are **of importance** to the scholarship committee are:

- Completeness and neatness of the application form
- Record of involvement in civic, community and/or extracurricular activities
- GPA (will be verified by the selection committee)
- Awards and honors
- An essay of 500 words or less judged on creativity, content, neatness and grammar. (*The essay should be separate from the application form and indicate **no name** of the applicant in the essay*)
- Citizenship

Selection Process: The application and essay are to be turned into the Lee's Summit CARES office by March 16th, 2016. If mailed, the postmark on the envelope must be dated no later than March 16th.

Lee's Summit CARES
901 NE Independence Ave.
Lee's Summit MO 64063

The essay will be reviewed anonymously. Final approval will come from the Community of Character Business Sector's Visions Team.

A check in the amount of the scholarship will be sent directly to the post-secondary educational institution of the student. The institution will be instructed to refund the amount back to the Community of Character Business Sector if the student does not complete the semester.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO Lee's Summit CARES OFFICE IS
MARCH 16, 2016

Scholarship will be awarded at the winner's school during the Academic Achievement Awards Program.

Community of Character Business Sector Scholarship Application
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Last

First

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Home Address: _____

Street

City / State / Zip

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Home Phone Number: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

GPA: _____ *Stamp of high school Staff to verify GPA* _____

Leadership positions / honors / awards (attach if necessary):

Extra curricular activities (attach if necessary):

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Non-school related activities for community, church, etc. (attach if necessary):

"I attest that the information provided on this scholarship application is correct"

Student Signature _____ Date _____

ESSAY INFORMATION

On a separate sheet of paper, prepare an original essay (500 words or less) on the topic stated below. Please staple essay to application but please **DO NOT** put your name on the essay or include information in the essay that identifies you.

“Describe three character traits you developed as a high school student that you feel will benefit you in the future?”

The essay should include:

Opening paragraph

Three supporting paragraphs

- A character trait – definition of and how you interpret this in your daily life
- Who “taught” you the trait?
- How have you used it to help others

Conclusion

***Include which college or university you plan on attending, along with the mailing address.**

Please attach to the application a letter of support from a high school teacher.