

List Community involvement

Financial Information

Number of dependents in family _____ Number of other family members currently attending post-secondary school _____

Please describe your family's financial situation and the need for additional assistance for your education.

I would like to be considered for a Grange Educational Scholarship and certify that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of parent or legal guardian
(if applicant is under 18)

I certify that _____ is a 4th degree member in good standing of _____ Grange No. _____ and deserving of consideration for a scholarship.

Date

Signature of Subordinate Master

I certify that _____ is a 5th degree member in good standing of _____ Grange No. _____ and deserving of consideration for a Scholarship.

Date

Signature of State Secretary

This signed application must be accompanied by:

1. A certified copy of the applicant's current transcript if you are already going to college.
2. A 500-word essay about **"What is your favorite place you have traveled to with the Grange?"** or **"What is your favorite subject in school?"**

This information must be received by the state Master by March 3, 2024 or it will not be considered.

Mail completed application to:
Oklahoma State Grange, Master, Billy Shufeldt
6399 NS 413 RD
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Up to eight scholarships will be awarded for educational expenses at an accredited post-secondary educational institute of the recipient's choice.

Upon selection by the scholarship committee,

Full time students (12 or more hours per semester) will be awarded a \$ 1300.00 scholarship.

(\$650.00 per semester)

Part-time students (minimum of 6 hours per semester) will be awarded a \$650.00 scholarship. (\$325.00 per semester)

Non-traditional students (students returning to school after a period of at least 5 years out of school) taking less than six hours will be eligible for \$325.00. (\$162.50 per semester)

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must

Be a citizen of the United State of America.

Be a High School graduate of senior at the time of the scholarship selection.

Be an Active Fifth Degree member in good standing (current dues paid) of an Oklahoma

Subordinate Grange for **one year** by the application deadline (March 31).

To be considered an Active Member, the Applicate must attend Degree Day or Great Plains Conference or a State Grange Gathering and the State Session before applying.

Previous winners of the scholarships will continue to be eligible for future selection but must re-apply and will be judged on an equal basis with other applicants.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated, and recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the State Master and four members appointed by the Master. Any member of the selected committee, including the Master, with immediate family applying for the scholarship will be disqualified and a re-appointment made. All qualified applicants will be given equal consideration. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of Grange participation, demonstrated leadership, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applicants will submit an application and a 500-word essay to the State Master by March 31. A personal interview may be required for a final decision. Winners will be notified by May 1 and published in the Sooner State Granger.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide the completed application and necessary information to the State Master by the stated deadlines. All recipients

must enter school the fall term following selection. Payment of the first half of the scholarship will be contingent on proof of acceptance and enrollment of the student at an accredited school by official statement from the Registrar's office. Proof of enrollment must be received by the State Master via email or through the mail from the Registrar's Office by September 15th. Payment of the second half of the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient giving acceptance speech at the state banquet in October. At this time pictures will be taken of the recipients for publication in the Sooner State Granger. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the scholarship committee in the event of medical emergency or circumstances beyond the recipient's control. **The second half of the scholarship money will be transferred for the second term if a minimum 2.5 GPA has been achieved for the first semester. An official transcript of the student's grades from the Registrar's Office via email or mail must be sent to the State Master by February 15th or the scholarship will be forfeited.**

If for any reason the student cannot accept or becomes ineligible for this award, other applicants will be considered for the unused money.