

E. M. "Nat" Watson Jr. Athletic Scholarship



E. M. "Nat" Watson, Jr, "Coach Watson" born on May 2, 1910, in Boley, OK, graduated from Boley High, Langston University, and retired from an illustrious career as a coach and principal from Dunbar High school in Shawnee, OK had a major impact on the life and success of many students. Well known for his prowess as a football coach and his reputation to connect with youngsters and team members continued throughout his career. And afterwards. His household was a hub for families, community events, and round table discussions for educational and political alliances, but most importantly, a place for his students. This energetic atmosphere was the spark that fueled Nat's personality, he was gregarious, interested in and encouraging to his students, friends, and neighbors. Coach Watson touched the lives of many Shawnee High football players. One, Bill Ford of Shawnee Milling Company and his football friends. So much so, in return they established a scholarship to continue his legacy of making a difference in the lives of young athletes as Coach Watson did for so many. The first two scholarships were awarded in 2018.

This scholarship is open to male and female athletes who attend and graduate from an Oklahoma Public school who will attend college full-time at an Oklahoma accredited institution. Preference is given to but not limited to African American students. The scholarship monies are contingent upon monies available each year and may vary. Recipients will be notified in writing or phone call on or before May 1st this year. In addition, each recipients will receive an invitation to attend the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame banquet on September 29, 2023.

1. Application for this scholarship must be postmarked no later than **April 17, 2023**, for consideration.
2. Application must be completed entirely and returned to: **OAAE Hall Fame, Inc., 110126 N. 3830 Road, Clearview, OK 74880.**
3. Applicants must have participated in a recognized OSSAA sports program for at least two (2) years. The years need not be consecutive years of participation.

4. Scholarships are awarded contingent upon maintaining a minimum of 2.5 GPA for the fall semester of the recipients incoming freshmen year of college (immediately following graduation from high school) and completion of 12 hours during that same fall semester at an accredited institution in the state of Oklahoma (verified by college or university registrar enrolled).

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
(please print)

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you an Oklahoma Resident? (circle one) Yes or No

Name of Oklahoma High School Attended: _____

Town or City of High School Attended: _____

Graduation date: _____ GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____

List all high school activities, offices held, community service projects, etc. (use back of application if needed)

List any honors received during high school: (use back of application if needed)

Oklahoma college/university you plan to attend: _____

Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid you will receive (including federal and state aid):

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Parent phone number and email: _____

Applicant signature: _____

By signing this application, permission is granted to use this information for publicity purposes.

Please submit the following with the completed application:

1. **Two (2) letters** of recommendation, including one **from a coach**.
2. Submit an essay:
 - a. describing your high school career
 - b. your educational goals
 - c. and how you may benefit from receiving this scholarship.
 - d. do you have plans to participate in athletics in college?

Note:

(This is not an application you can fill out on a computer. You will need to retype the application on your computer using a word processor. Make sure you check your spelling and grammar before you submit your application)