

E. M. "Nat" Watson Jr.

Athletic Scholarship

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Mission Statement

To provide a scholarship for a graduating athletic high senior boy or girl to attend an accredited college or university of their choice in Oklahoma.

Purpose of 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. Known for his prowess as a football coach and his reputation for connecting 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 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.

Qualifications

This scholarship is open to male and female athletes who attend and graduate from an Oklahoma Public school and participated in a recognized OSSAA sports program for at least two (2) years. The student must attend a college or university 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 recipient will receive an invitation to attend the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony banquet on October 9, 2026, at the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Value of the Award

One (1) 1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded per student awarded the second semester of the Freshman year.

E. M. “Nat” Watson Jr. Athletic Scholarship Application

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 receive official notification by letter or telephone no later than May 1 of this year. In addition, each recipient will receive an invitation to attend the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony banquet on October 9, 2026, at the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

1. Application for this scholarship must be postmarked no later than **April 17, 2026**, for consideration.
2. Application must be completed entirely and returned to:
OAAE Hall Fame, Inc.
E. M. “Nat” Watson Jr. Athletic Scholarship
421 East Main Street
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 2.0 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:

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell 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: _____

Please answer the following in sentence form.

List all high school activities:

List any high school offices held in organizations, clubs, classes:

List any community service projects you were involved in and how you participated:

List any other pertinent information:

List any honors received during high school:

Oklahoma college/universities you have applied to attend:

List any Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid you have applied for and have received (including federal and state aid such Oklahoma Promised and PAL):

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

Parent or guardian 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: *(your application may not be considered without this information)*

1. **Two (2) letters** of recommendation (one from an educator or administrator and one from a coach)
2. Answer the following in **essay form**. You should have at least one paragraph for each question ask.
 - a. Describe your high school career.
 - b. What are your educational goals?
 - c. How will you benefit from receiving this scholarship?
 - d. Do you have plans to participate in athletics in college? Why or why not?

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.

Please submit your application in a typed format.