

# *E. M. "Nat" Watson Jr.*

## **Athletic Scholarship**

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#### **Mission Statement**

To provide a scholarship for an athletic senior boy or girl to attend an accredited college or university of their choice in Oklahoma. Ensure your application is postmarked no later than April 15, 2025.

#### **Purpose of Scholarship**



*E.M. "Nat" Watson Mr. "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. He had a major impact on the life and success of students. Known for his prowess as a football coach and his reputation for connecting with youngsters and team members, which continued throughout his career and afterwards. His household was a hub for families, community events, and roundtable 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 of the athletics of the Shawnee High football players, including Bill Ford of Shawnee Milling Company and his football friends. So much so that, in return, they established a scholarship to contribute to 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 accredited institution in Oklahoma. Preference is given to but not limited to African American students. The scholarship funds are contingent upon availability each year and may vary. Recipients will be notified by writing or by phone call on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. In addition, each recipient will receive an invitation to attend the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony banquet on September 26, 2025, at the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma.*

## Value of the Award

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

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

1. Application for this scholarship must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2025**, for consideration.
2. The application must be **typed, completed entirely, and returned to.**

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Clearview, OK 74880**

**or emailed to [annnero@aol.com](mailto:annnero@aol.com)**

3. Applicants must have **participated in a recognized OSSAA sports program for at least two (2) years.** The years need not be consecutive.
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:**

(please print)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

While completing your application, include the following information.

- List all high school activities.
- List any high school offices held in organizations, clubs, or classes.
- List any community service projects you were involved and describe your participation.
- List any other pertinent information:
- List any honors received during high school.
- List Oklahoma college/universities you have applied to attend.
- List any Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid you have applied for and received (including federal and state aid such Oklahoma Promised and Pell).

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. In essay form, share your thoughts in continuing your athletic career in college.
  - a. Your passion for the sport(s) you play and your commitment to continuing at the collegiate level.
  - b. The benefits of participating in college athletics, such as personal growth, teamwork, and discipline.
  - c. Any specific goals you have for your athletic career in college.
  - d. If you do not plan to participate in athletics, explain your reasons and what other activities or pursuits you will focus on instead.
  - e. The financial support it will provide and how it will ease the burden of tuition and other expenses.
  - f. How it will enable you to focus more on your studies and athletic pursuits.
  - g. The opportunities it will open for you, both academically and athletically.
  - h. And personal or family circumstances that make this scholarship particularly important to you.

*Note: (not participating in post high school sports does not disqualify you from receiving this scholarship)*