



WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship Essay Instructions

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One \$3000 Marvin Cottom Scholarship Award of Excellence

Six \$2500 scholarships

Eight \$1500 scholarships

Ten \$1000 scholarships

Checks will be made payable to the student and college or vo-tech school.

The essay must be postmarked or delivered by no later than February 28, 2009. Scholarships will be selected on or before the end of April 2009. Winners will be contacted by the WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. Winners will be asked to attend WEOKIE's Annual Meeting at the Yukon Fine Arts Auditorium on **April 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm** for a formal presentation.

Essay Instructions:

Write an essay about:

Assume you are to be listed in a Who's-Who directory after five years of practicing your chosen profession. Discuss what you would want the article to say about you.

The committee will be looking for original essays that were written by the student only.

The essay must be typed (single sided) and double-spaced and must be limited to two pages. Do **NOT** staple or fold your essay. Attach the application with a paper clip **only**. Essays will be selected based on the following criteria; 60% content, 30% grammar and punctuation, 10% neatness and following instructions. Essay must be submitted in a flat envelope to:

WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship Committee

PO Box 26090

Oklahoma City, OK 73126

WEOKIE FOUNDATION GOALS:

The goal of the foundation is to promote the credit union's commitment to social responsibility and to educate credit union members and the community so they are able to make better financial choices. In addition to offering support to higher education through a scholarship program, the foundation offers a free financial literacy program "Money Talks" that focuses on classroom lessons, presentations and seminars for grades 2-12 to help students understand financial responsibilities and encourage them to make smart decisions as they become more financially accountable.

WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship Application:

Applicants wishing to apply for the WEOKIE Foundation scholarship must complete the following official application and submit with a written essay no longer than two pages. For essay instructions, please see reverse of this application.

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Applicants must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school or home school program in the following counties in Oklahoma; Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, Pottawatomie and Oklahoma. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college or vo-tech school upon high school graduation. Applicants are not required to be a WEOKIE Credit Union member.

Applicants can **NOT** be related (by blood or marriage) to a WEOKIE Foundation scholarship selection committee member, WEOKIE Foundation board member, WEOKIE Credit Union employee or volunteer. All relatives of the above are automatically disqualified from the scholarship essay contest. No exceptions will be made.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Name of high school currently attending _____

Name and address of the school you are planning to attend _____

Are you currently enrolled and accepted to the above school? Yes No

I understand and will abide by all the conditions listed in the above application. I understand that if a violation of any of the above items is made, that the scholarship award may be revoked. I also understand that a scholarship essay must be submitted with my application entry. Awards will be based solely on the written essay and I accept that the judging of the essays will be subjective in nature and at the sole discretion of the scholarship selection committee. I will accept and not dispute decisions of the scholarship selection committee. If my essay is chosen as a winner I will allow the WEOKIE Foundation to release my name and photo to local media promoting scholarship winners. I also understand that I will be expected to attend an awards ceremony at WEOKIE's Annual Meeting.

I will allow the WEOKIE Foundation to reproduce or reprint my essay and share with the media and local schools. I understand that my essay will not be returned and will be the property of the WEOKIE Foundation. By signing below I agree that I am not related by blood or marriage to a WEOKIE Foundation scholarship selection committee member, WEOKIE Foundation Board Member, WEOKIE Credit Union employee or volunteer. All relatives of the above are automatically disqualified from the scholarship essay contest.

Signature of applicant _____ Date: _____