**Oklahoma CareerTech Foundation**

**The Casy Cundiff Scholarship**

**Sponsored by OkACTE Education Services/Special Populations (ESSP)**

## Eligibility Criteria

1. The criteria used to select the winner will include the student's career goals, financial need, unusual circumstances, and letters of reference. The student is required to provide documentation of disability which may include test summaries, summary of performance, or a clear diagnostic statement by an appropriate qualified professional.

2. Each nominee must provide two (2) letters of reference. One of the references must be from a person actively involved in the applicants' current career and technical education in Oklahoma.

3. High school transcripts and/or a list of career and technical courses completed must be submitted with the attached application.

4. All information in this application must be typed or computer generated. In order to receive maximum points in the consideration process all responses to questions should be between 50 -150 words.

5. **Answer all questions.** Applications which do not include: answers to all questions on the application form, two letters of reference, high school transcripts and/or a list of career and technical courses completed, documentation of disability which may include test summaries, summary of performance, or a clear diagnostic statement by an appropriate qualified professional "Examples: IEP / 504 / or diagnosis" will be considered incomplete and eliminated.

6. Each application form must be complete and provide specific information about the applicant. Photos, news clippings, original works of art, etc., which help support the application are encouraged and may be submitted. Materials submitted in support of the application will not be returned.

7. Signature form for applicant (including parent/guardian signature if applicant is under 18 years of age).

## Use of Scholarship Funds

The Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education (OkACTE)/Education Services Special Populations (ESSP) is offering a student the financial scholarship award to acknowledge

the achievement of a career and technology student(s) who is a person with a disability and has overcome barriers to achieve his/her highest potential for success. The purpose for this student scholarship is to assist the student in accessing or completing a career and technology education career major or entering into the occupation for which he/she has trained. Up to 3 scholarship awards between $200 and $500 will be made depending upon funds available and number of scholarship awards presented. Scholarship awards must be used to assist with the cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other expenses connected to employment or training.

**Application Deadlines**

Nomination forms must be postmarked on or before April 15 of the year applying for award.

**Completed applications must be received by Lisa Eden, Career Tech Foundation**

**Administrator, 1500 W 7th Avenue, Stillwater, OK, 74074.**

**Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education (OkACTE) Education Services Special Populations (ESSP)**

**"OkACTE/ESSP Casy Cundiff Outstanding Student Scholarship" Application**

1. Name: _____

Address:_____

Street City State Zip

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

High School or Adult Student: _____

2. Are you employed? YES_____ NO _____ If Yes: Part-time _____ Full time _____

How many hours per week? _____ Job Title: _____

3. Please state where you plan to go to school/college or where you are currently enrolled.

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4. What career major do you plan to study, or are you currently studying?

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**The following questions are considered essay questions and require 50 -150 word responses to receive maximum points.**

5. Please explain why you chose this career major. What are your professional/career goals?

6. What challenges have you had to overcome to reach your educational goals? What did you do to successfully overcome these challenges?

7. If you received special services from your school, teachers, or community, please describe how these services helped you. **Examples:** extended time, one on one instruction, modified assignments, communication access, alternative testing, counseling, tutoring, and mentoring.

8. Please indicate how this award will help you achieve your career goals. How would you use the money?

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**"OkACTE/ESSP Casy Cundiff Outstanding Student Scholarship"**

Did you include the following list of materials?

- Answers to all questions on the application (typed or computer generated)
- Two letters of reference
- High school transcripts and / or a list of career and technical courses completed
- Documentation of disability which may include test summaries, summary of performance, or a clear diagnostic statement by an appropriate qualified professional "Examples: IEP / 504 / or diagnosis"
- Optional: photos, news clippings, original works of art, etc., which help support the application are encouraged and may be submitted. Materials submitted in support of the application will not be returned
- Copy of this form with your signature and parent guardian signature if under 18 years of age

**Required Signature**

By my signature below, I:

1. Affirm that I have furnished all information requested in this application

2. Understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for the scholarship

3. Agree that relevant information may be released to off-campus committees for scholarship consideration and to the news media

4. If under the age of 18 your parent / guardian signature is also required

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Signature Printed name Date

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Parent / Guardian Signature Printed name Date

Nomination forms must be postmarked on or before **April 15** of the year applying for award.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Send completed applications to:

**Lisa Eden, Career Tech Foundation Administrator, 1500 W 7th Avenue, Stillwater, OK, 74074.**