

The Katherine Brungardt Memorial Scholarship



About the scholarship

The scholarship is offered by the children of Katherine Brungardt (Miller) and is done in her honor and memory. It will be given in the amount of \$1,000. The check will be made out to the intended school/facility of study/training, and will be mailed to the intended school/facility. If possible, someone from the family will be on hand to help make the notification at the school's award ceremony.

About Katherine Brungardt (Miller)

It's impossible to sum up a life in a paragraph or two. Suffice it to say that Katherine Brungardt truly was part of what is known as the "greatest generation." Our mom was born on a farm between St. Peter and Morland. The depression shaped her childhood and she learned to play and work under trying times. Her love of reading blossomed early, and while the world literally blew all around her, she lost herself in the creative world of books. Katherine graduated from Collyer High School just in time to have her young adulthood shaped by the demands of WWII.

Our mother loved western Kansas, the subtle beauty of its changing hues, sounds and contours. She also loved learning, and saw to it that all of her children had access to higher education. We believe we can honor her by combining her love of western Kansas and education into a scholarship offered in her memory.

Who can apply

This scholarship is offered to seniors who meet the following criteria:

• We've identified schools in close proximity to Katherine Brungardt's childhood home. Any omissions are unintentional. Please let us know if there are any missing. Those schools are:

Norton High School Golden Plains High School Hill City High School Hoxie High School Quinter Jr/Sr High School Ellis High School

Decatur Community Jr/Sr High School Logan High School Palco High School Wheatland High School Trego Community High School

- Must be passing all classes (with a D or better in each class-senior grades only). Note that grades are not considered in the deliberation process and no transcript is required.
- Must intend to enter a Kansas college, technical school, training school or vo-tech with the intention of pursuing a course of study/training that will benefit western Kansas and/or agriculture (examples include agri-industry, business, teaching, journalism, skilled trade, and other majors/studies which could benefit western Kansas either directly, through the student's return, or indirectly, through the student's job path.)

How to apply

- Applicant will write two essays. Both essays will be double-spaced, on 8.5x11 inch paper, with one inch margins, typed in Times New Roman 12 pitch font. Both essays must contain the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and complete contact information.
 - The first essay will explain the applicant's plans. Where s/he intends to study/attend, what area s/he will pursue and how that ties in to western Kansas and agriculture. (i.e., might intend to major in journalism with the intent of writing for a paper in western Kansas; might intend to major in medicine with the intent of practicing in western Kansas, might intend to learn diesel mechanics with the intent of working on farm implements, might intend to study art with the idea of returning to western Kansas and becoming a professional artist, you get the idea. It does not need to be a straight agriculturally based program). The length is flexible, between one paragraph and two pages.
 - The second essay will describe how western Kansas has influenced the applicant. This essay can focus on any feature of western Kansas, whether it be the people, places, things or events (historical or present). Again, the length is flexible, between one and five pages. (Determination is based on content, not length)
- Students will supply two letters of reference.
 - These letters can come from family members, teachers, community leaders, church members, etc. The letters need only be one page in length and must address the student's character and the student's likelihood of completing school or training. All letters of reference must contain the full name of the applicant, the school attended and contact information (preferably a phone number) for the author of the letter.
- The guidance counselor, or sponsoring school authority must provide confirmation that the student is indeed graduating from said school and has passing grades. Confirmation must include the full name of the applicant, the school attended, the name, title and contact information for the author.

<u>Dates</u>

- If using regular mail, applications need to be sent to Mary Miller, 1108 W 27th Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66046, postmarked no later than Monday, April 18, 2016.
- If sending applications by email, (scanned letters ok), all items must be emailed to: onebluei13@yahoo.com no later than midnight Wednesday, April 20, 2016. If emailing, make sure the word "Scholarship" appears first in the subject line.
- Deliberations will be held between April 20 and May6.
- Recipient notification will be made between May 4 and May 8 (as soon as we can).
- The scholarship will be awarded at the student's award ceremony, if possible, and the check itself will be mailed to the student's school of choice directly.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your school guidance counselor or identified representative contact us. We will reply as quickly as possible.

<u>Katherine Brungardt Scholarship awarded by David Miller, Daniel Miller, Mary Miller</u> <u>and Nona Miller – the children of Katherine Brungardt.</u>



The Katherine Brungardt Memorial Scholarship Checklist



Essay # 1:

- □ Is double-spaced on 8.5x11 inch paper, with one inch margins, typed in Times New Roman 12 pitch font.
- Contains the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and complete contact information
- Explains applicant's plans including where applicant will study/train and what area/major will be chosen and how that benefits western Kansas and/or agriculture.
- Length is between one paragraph and two pages

Essay # 2:

- □ Is double-spaced on 8.5x11 inch paper, with one inch margins, typed in Times New Roman 12 pitch font.
- Contains the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and complete contact information
- Describes how western Kansas has influenced the applicant.
- Length is between one and five pages

Letters of Reference:

- **T**wo letters of reference.
- □ May come from family members, teachers, community leaders, church members, etc.
- Addresses applicant's character and the likelihood of the applicant completing school or training.
- Contains the full name of the applicant, the school attended and contact information for the author (preferably a phone number).

Graduation Confirmation

- □ Must be provided by the guidance counselor or authorized school representative.
- □ Must confirm that applicant is indeed graduating from said school and has passing grades (D or better in each class).
- □ Must include the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and the name, title and contact information for the author.

Deadline

- □ Snail mail: sent to Mary Miller, 1108 W 27th Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66046, postmarked no later than Monday, April 18, 2016.
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