

2020 – 2021



High School Senior Scholarship

High School Senior Information and Criteria:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded by the Polk County Chamber of Commerce. A High School Senior Scholarship means the total amount, \$1,000.00, will be awarded in two equal \$500.00 allotments; beginning in the first semester and continuing in the second semester as long as the student remains enrolled and maintains a 2.5 or better grade point average (GPA). **All scholarships checks will be paid directly to the institution of the recipient's designation.** It is the responsibility of the recipient to provide the name and address of the institution they will attend. The scholarship will only be paid to the institution and awarded after proof of full-time registration is submitted to the Polk County Chamber Office. The student selected to receive the scholarship is responsible for providing proof of full-time registration (full-time registration is 12 or more credit hours). **Please remember that this scholarship is only for the first year of enrollment at the college or university of your choice, it will NOT be renewed after the first year.**

The following guidelines will be used to select the recipient:

- Academic achievements, minimum high school and college GPA of 2.5 is required
- Student must be a permanent resident of Polk County, TN at the time of application and graduating from Polk County High School or Copper Basin High School.
- Quality of responses to essay questions
- Students who are majoring in the following will be given priority consideration: hospitality, tourism, business, or outdoor recreation.
- Demonstrated extra-curricular and community involvement
- Demonstrated respect by teachers and community members
- Completeness of application packet and materials
- A personal interview **may** be conducted with qualifying applicants.

Students are required to submit the following:

1. A completed Polk County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application
2. An official copy of your high school transcript
3. A copy of your resume
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator (i.e. principal, assistant principal)
5. A letter of recommendation from member of the community who is not related to you and not a family friend.

Please note that no application materials will be returned.

Application Pointers:

- Please type your application or print it neatly using blue or black ink.
- Check and double check your materials before you submit them.
- Make sure that you submit your materials by the designated deadline, 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

Selection:

- Applications will be reviewed by the chamber Scholarship Committee.
- Finalists may be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for an informal interview.
- The recipient of the scholarship will be notified no later than March 26, 2021 and is expected to attend the Scholarship Awards Presentation. The date for this Presentation will be provided at least two weeks in advance of the event.
- All decisions concerning the scholarship award will be the responsibility of the Polk County Chamber High School Senior Scholarship Selection Committee, and all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

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Please type this form or write neatly using blue or black ink.

Applications are due by Friday, February 26, 2021 and must be submitted to the Polk County Chamber Office by 5:00 p.m. on this date OR emailed to westoffice@ocoeecountry.com

Student Information:

Student's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of the college, university or college of applied technology you plan to attend: _____

****Please note should you be the applicant selected to receive the scholarship, it is your responsibility to notify the Director of the Polk County Chamber should you decide to attend another institution. This notification must be made by the 15th day of classes at the institution that you are attending.***

Level of education you plan to complete:

Certificate Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctorate Degree

Essay Questions:

Please tell us why you think you should receive this scholarship.

Describe how you believe Polk County Chamber of Commerce benefits Polk County Businesses and how you and or your family have benefited from a local business.

Please share your education and career goals and how this scholarship if awarded, will help you attain these goals?

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parents/Guardians Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____