



2026 HOA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please Type or Print neatly in black ink.

NAME: _____

Last First MI SS# / ID#

ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING/ATTENDED: _____

COUNSELORS NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

GPA as per attached transcript (4.0 scales) _____

BIRTHDATE: __/__/__ U.S. CITIZEN? YES__ NO__

FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION _____

GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION _____

Is someone related to you a member of the Heart of America chapter of ICC? YES__ NO__

THEIR NAME _____

What is your relationship with this person? _____

PARENT'S INCOME RANGE: __Below \$10,000__ \$11,000-\$21,000__ \$31,000-\$50,000__ \$51,000+

NO. OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY _____ ATTENDING COLLEGE _____

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLAN: (College names or University names)

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

CAREER INTERESTS:

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Athletics, Choir, Cheerleading, Band, Key Club, Student Council, Theater Arts, etc. Include office held and grade level)

ORGANIZATION GRADE LEVEL POSITION HELD

VOLUNTEER /COMMUNITY SERVICES:

ORGANIZATION GRADE LEVEL POSITION HELD

WORK EXPERIENCE: (List place of employment, type of job and beginning and ending dates)

NAME OF COMPANY JOB DATES

Fax, email, or mail application to:

Curtis Deines
1002 Vine
Hays, Ks. 67601
cdeines@haysusa.com

Due by April 1, 2026



2026 HOA Academic Scholarships

Scholarship Qualification Criteria

Students must have definite plans of full-time attendance at an accredited U.S. College, University or Technical School in a degree-seeking program in the next school-calendar year. Total funding available for reimbursement annually is determined by the HOA Board of Directors. For the calendar year 2026 the amount made available will be \$2,000.00 with the total amount of each individual scholarship not to exceed \$500.00. **The application postmark deadline will be April 1, 2026.**

Qualifications

1. Must be a legal dependent of an Active or Honorary HOA member
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a legal Permanent Resident (*with permanent resident card.*)
3. Must be between 17 and 21 years of age.
4. Must have graduated with or currently have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
5. Must be a current 12th grade student or,
6. Must have completed state requirements for high school graduation within the previous 2 years or,
7. Must be currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an accredited U.S. College, University or Technical School full-time (Minimum of 12 graduate hours per semester)

Application

In addition to a completed application form, the application must be accompanied by

- a copy of a diploma, or other substantiation of having met the requirements for high school graduation or written verification that the applicant is currently enrolled in the 12th grade
- Verification of GPA (transcripts, etc.)
- Letter of Recommendation (*from Pastor, Teacher, Coach, Activities Director ((Scouting, FFA, ROTC, Boys Clubs, YMCA, etc.)), employer, etc.*)
- Personal Statement Essay consisting of an attached one-page typed summary. Write a personal statement essay on an attached typed one-page summary explaining why you feel you deserve a scholarship. Include any information you wish to be considered in the decision to award the scholarship, including any financial hardship.

For example:

- Exceptional achievements or special talents
- Educational goals and choice of major
- A community service project you have been involved with and its impact on you and the people you serviced

Selection

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic Achievement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Personal Statement