

Warren & Velda Wilson Foundation Scholarship

Reference Statement Guidelines

Leaving a Legacy of Learning Opportunities

For more than 60 years, Warren & Velda Wilson worked the soil in south central Nebraska. The land was good to them and they enjoyed a productive, prosperous lifetime together.

They had no children of their own, but the Wilson's had a keen interest in the boys and girls growing up in the rural areas and communities around their home in Clay County. They also understood that the education of these young people was the key to a brighter future for each of them as individuals and for the area in which they would build their lives.

Prior to their deaths (Warren in 1997 and Velda in 2002), the Wilson's decided to share the successes they had enjoyed in their lifetimes with those who would follow them.

The Warren & Velda Wilson Foundation was established in 1990. Its sole purpose is to provide scholarships for young men and women from central and south central Nebraska to attend college in Nebraska.

Through their Foundation, Warren and Velda Wilson have left behind a legacy of educational opportunities that will live on for generations to come.

Highlights of the Warren & Velda Wilson Foundation Scholarship Program

\$1,250 Scholarship

For High School Graduates in 9 Central and South Central Nebraska Counties

To Attend Any Accredited Higher Education Institute in Nebraska

Based on Citizenship, Involvement and Potential

No ACT/SAT or Class Ranking Criteria



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Several factors will be considered in awarding the scholarships. In a 1992 letter, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson were emphatic in their ideas of how scholarship recipients should be chosen. They said,

"It is our desire that these scholarships not be limited to graduating seniors with only the highest level of academic achievement. Other factors are also important to us, including good citizenship, involvement in school and community activities, and potential for future academic success. Students with lower levels of academic achievement in high school should not be excluded from consideration if they are able to demonstrate strength in one or more of these other areas."

A selection panel consisting of 3 individuals will review the application. Average of 3 scores. The scholarships are rated as follows:

20 Points for Community Involvement, Volunteerism & Church Involvement

20 Points for Involvement in School & Extra-Curricular Activities

20 Points for Employment History (paid or non-paid jobs)

15 Points for Motivation & Desire to Succeed

15 Points for Need

10 Points for Academic Achievement

"Providing Students with Educational Opportunities"

Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant's Full Name _____

Applicant's Full Address _____

Applicant's College or University Choice _____

Reference: Please complete this recommendation form and **return** Recommendation **Form** by _____. **If returning to Applicant**, please place in a sealed envelope. Please write applicant's name on the outside of the envelope. If returning to counselor, no envelope required.

On a scale of 1 (Poor) to 10 (Outstanding), please rank the following for the above named applicant, if it applies.

Attitude/Cooperative Spirit _____

Vocational Potential _____

Dependability/Responsibility _____

Academic Potential _____

Desire to Learn _____

Work Ethic _____

Please provide a brief opinion of applicant's abilities and performances. Use **BLACK** ink/print. Please write legibly, scholarship is dependent upon your remarks. **DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF RECOMMENDATION FORM.** Limit remarks to space below.

Signature of Reference

Printed Name of Reference

Date

Occupation or Relationship to Applicant _____