## TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Tecumseh High School Alumni Association will award scholarships as funds are available to graduating Tecumseh High School seniors. The scholarships are in recognition of the graduates' achievements and desire to reach their goals in life. The award will be paid directly to the accredited school of higher education or trade school that the recipient has chosen and been accepted upon proof of enrollment (i.e., tuition and fees statement, invoice issued by the school, etc.) in the coming fall semester. The scholarship will only pay tuition, fees, and books. The award amount of each scholarship traditionally has been \$1,000.00.

Race, gender, age, religion, or relation to an Alumni member will not be a factor in choosing the recipient of this scholarship. Selection will be based upon the applicants' desire to continue their education, citizenship and school support as well as the following criteria:

## The General Alumni Scholarship application criteria are as follows:

- A. The applicants must have an earnest desire to enter college or trade school to continue their education.
- B. Applicants must have exhibited exemplary behavior in and around High School as noted in their letters or recommendation.
- C. Recommendation from two teachers, activity/organization sponsor or principal who helped guide their interest into their chosen career. (Two letters required.)
- D. Applicants must have a non-weighted <u>GPA of 2.0 or better.</u> (Transcript must be submitted.)
- E. Applicants must have been active in one or more of the following: Campus Organization, Extra-Curricular Activity.
- F. Punctuation, spelling and neatness in the application will be considered in the selection.
- G. The completed application should be typed, including cover letter, transcript and two letters of recommendation, must be submitted to the senior counselor or main office by the designated due date. (Incomplete Applications Will NOT be considered.)
- H. The scholarship recipient <u>must</u> be present at the Annual Alumni Banquet in order to receive award. (This requirement waived for 2021.)
- I. If the applicant feels there is a valid reason (s)he cannot attend the Alumni Banquet, (s)he can request an exception be made to the Chairman of the Selection Committee. The final decision will be made by the Scholarship Committee. (This requirement waived for 2021.)
- J. To secure payment of the scholarship awards to their chosen school, the recipients must mail their proof of enrollment to:

Tecumseh High School Alumni Association Attn: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 304 Tecumseh, OK 74873-0304

Scholarships must be claimed no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Semester and no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Semester of the year following high school graduation. Proof of enrollment must be submitted no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Semester and March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Semester

## **Selection Procedure:**

- A. The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of the Alumni Officers or a designated committee.
- B. If the President is related in any way to any of the applicants, the First Vice-President shall serve as the Committee Chair.
- C. Due to Privacy Act concerns, only designated committee members may attend selection meetings. No discussions involving identity of applicants are permitted. Chairman and committee may only have discussion of rankings if required.
- D. The committee will select alternate applicants in case the selected recipient fails to attend the Banquet or for some reason declines the award. The alternate applicants will be ranked as Alternate #1 and #2, etc.
- E. Only the chairman of the Selection Committee has the authority to announce the recipients.
- F. As stated in Section XII of the Tecumseh High School Alumni By-Laws, the Selection Committee or the Alumni Officers will select the scholarship recipients. The President will review all applications to determine eligibility.
- G. In meeting criteria: The Selection Committee will review the applications anonymously thus eliminating any bias and ensuring each applicant will be considered fairly.
- H. The applications will then be returned to the President (Chairman) and identified.

[APPLICATION ATTACHED]

## TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL (THS) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The following information must be summitted to the Counselor's office.

The application must consist of a Letter of Recommendation for a current teacher and activity or organization sponsor. The application must include a brief statement indicating their future goals and expectations.

All payments are made directly to the College, University, Trade School or Institute after receipt of copy of official "Invoice/Bill" from school. This scholarship only covers Tuition and Fees.

An applicant must include the following information, submit a current transcript as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021; and attach the required Letters of Recommendation.

**DUE DATE: JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021** 

**SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000.00** 

**Cover Page Only:** 

Student's Name; Parent's or Guardian Name, Address Zip Code; Phone Number.

Application: (Not to exceed 2 typed pages excluding cover page and required documents)

APPLICATION # (As Assigned by Counselor)

- College or University, Trade School or Institute of Higher Learning You Plan to Attend.
- What Course of Study Do You Plan to Pursue?
- Please List Organizations to Which You Belong While Attending THS.
- What Does Being a Tecumseh Alumni Member Mean to You.
- Some of My Goals in Life Are.
- Cumulative non-weighted G.P.A. (Attach Separate Transcript)

Do you qualify for OHLAP or Pell Grant?	Yes	No	Don't know
Have you applied for either?	Yes	No	If so List: