

MCKENNA'S RAE OF HOPE FOUNDATION CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Deadline:

- April 1 of each year

Description:

This is a character-based scholarship where candidates are identified through a nomination process by a Nominator and Endorser (**two different people**). **NOTE: This is a unique scholarship. Students cannot apply themselves but must be nominated by someone else.** Peers, teachers, coaches, employers, etc. are strongly urged to nominate a graduating Nebraska senior that they believe to be living their life as a "**Rae of HOPE**" - **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**veryday.

Note: **The Nominator and Endorser are two separate individuals and cannot be the same person.** The Nominator will start the process by filling out this application, which will request contact information for the Endorser. The Endorser is contacted by email to complete the Endorser's part of the application. Both the Nominator and Endorser must complete their part by the deadline, for their application to be considered.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students do not apply, rather they are nominated by two individuals (nominator and endorser) who both write letters about them.
- The candidate is a graduating senior or will be entering their first year of college.
- The candidate must live in Nebraska and be a citizen of the United States.

Selection Criteria:

- The candidate exemplifies what it is to be a "**Rae of HOPE**": **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**veryday
- The completed letters by the Nominator and Endorser.
- Online application submission must be received by April 1.
- Follow up information may be requested from nominee, nominator and/or endorser.

Scholarship Award:

- This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the first semester of the first year of higher education to three applicants.

Note: One "**McKenna Rae Johnson Memorial Scholarship**" for \$2,500 will be given to a student from the Kearney Area at the beginning of the first semester of the first year of higher education. (The winner will be selected from the McKenna's Rae of Hope Character scholarship nominations.)

To learn more about applying, go to <https://www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships>



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