



The Katherine Brungardt Memorial Scholarship



About the scholarship

The scholarship is offered by the children of Katherine Brungardt (Miller) and is done in her honor and memory. It will be given in the amount of \$1,000. The check will be made out to the intended school/facility of study/training, and will be mailed to the intended school/facility. If possible, someone from the family will be on hand to help make the notification at the school's award ceremony.

About Katherine Brungardt (Miller)

It's impossible to sum up a life in a paragraph or two. Suffice it to say that Katherine Brungardt truly was part of what is known as the "greatest generation." Our mom was born on a farm between St. Peter and Morland. The depression shaped her childhood and she learned to play and work under trying times. Her love of reading blossomed early, and while the world literally blew all around her, she lost herself in the creative world of books. Katherine graduated from Collyer High School just in time to have her young adulthood shaped by the demands of WWII.

Our mother loved western Kansas, the subtle beauty of its changing hues, sounds and contours. She also loved learning, and saw to it that all of her children had access to higher education. We believe we can honor her by combining her love of western Kansas and education into a scholarship offered in her memory.

Who can apply

This scholarship is offered to seniors who meet the following criteria:

- We've identified schools in close proximity to Katherine Brungardt's childhood home. Any omissions are unintentional. Please let us know if there are any missing. Those schools are:

Norton High School	Decatur Community Jr/Sr High School
Golden Plains High School	Logan High School
Hill City High School	Palco High School
Hoxie High School	Wheatland High School
Quinter Jr/Sr High School	Trego Community High School
Ellis High School	
- Must be passing all classes (with a D or better in each class-senior grades only). Note that grades are not considered in the deliberation process and no transcript is required.
- Must intend to enter a Kansas university, college, technical school, training school or vo-tech with the intention of pursuing a course of study/training that will benefit western Kansas and/or agriculture (examples include agri-industry, business, teaching, journalism, skilled trade, and other majors/studies which could benefit western Kansas either directly, through the student's return, or indirectly, through the student's job path.)

How to apply

- Applicant will write two essays. Both essays will be double-spaced, on 8.5x11 inch paper, with one inch margins, typed in Times New Roman 12 pitch font. Both essays must contain the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and complete contact information.
 - The first essay will explain the applicant's plans. Where s/he intends to study/attend, what area s/he will pursue and how that ties in to western Kansas and agriculture. (i.e., might intend to major in journalism with the intent of writing for a paper in western Kansas; might intend to major in medicine with the intent of practicing in western Kansas, might intend to learn diesel mechanics with the intent of working on farm implements, might intend to study art with the idea of returning to western Kansas and becoming a professional artist, you get the idea. It does not need to be a straight agriculturally based program). The length is flexible, between one paragraph and two pages.
 - **(NEW)** The second essay will offer an idea to make western Kansas a better place to live. What would you like to see happen to benefit western Kansas? This doesn't need to be long, but we do want to see that some thought has gone into it. One to three pages is enough. Determination is based on content, not length.
- Students will supply two letters of reference.
 - These letters can come from family members, teachers, community leaders, church members, etc. The letters need only be one page in length and must address the student's character and the student's likelihood of completing school or training. All letters of reference must contain the full name of the applicant, the school attended and contact information (preferably a phone number) for the author of the letter. **(NEW)** Of the two letters, one must come from someone outside of education.
- The guidance counselor, or sponsoring school authority must provide confirmation that the student is indeed graduating from said school and has passing grades. Confirmation must include the full name of the applicant, the school attended, the name, title and contact information for the author.

Dates

- If using regular mail, applications need to be sent to Mary Miller, 1108 W 27th Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66046, postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 24, 2018.
- If sending applications by email, (scanned letters ok), all items must be emailed to: onebluei13@yahoo.com no later than midnight Thursday, April 27, 2018. If emailing, make sure the word "Scholarship" appears first in the subject line. Note: I'll always send an email letting you know it's been received – if you don't get an email from me – I may not have gotten your information, so you may want to contact me again. You can call me at 785-643-9595 if you need (my cell doesn't have voicemail, but I always return bounced calls and it takes texts).
- Deliberations will be held between April 28 and May 13.
- Recipient notification will be made as soon as a decision is made.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your school guidance counselor or identified representative contact us. We will reply as quickly as possible.

Katherine Brungardt Scholarship awarded by David Miller, Daniel Miller, Mary Miller and Nona Miller – the children of Katherine Brungardt.



The Katherine Brungardt Memorial Scholarship Checklist



Essay # 1:

- Double-spaced on 8.5x11 inch paper. One inch margins. Times New Roman 12 pitch font.
- Contains applicant's name, school attended and contact information.
- Explains applicant's plans including where applicant will study/train and what area/major will be chosen and how that benefits western Kansas and/or agriculture.
- Length is between one paragraph and two pages

Essay # 2:

- Double-spaced on 8.5x11 inch paper. One inch margins. Times New Roman 12 pitch font.
- Contains applicant's name, school attended and contact information.
- Offers an idea to make western Kansas a better place to live – or – answers the question - what would you like to see happen to benefit western Kansas?
- Length is between one and three pages. Content, not length, is what counts.

Letters of Reference:

- Two letters of reference.
- May come from family members, teachers, community leaders, church members, etc. One must come from outside the education field.
- Addresses applicant's character and the likelihood of the applicant completing school or training.
- Contains the full name of the applicant, the school attended and contact information for the author (preferably a phone number).

Graduation Confirmation

- Must be provided by the guidance counselor or authorized school representative.
- Must confirm that applicant is indeed graduating from said school and has passing grades (D or better in each class – transcript not necessary.
- Must include the full name of the applicant, the school attended, and the name, title and contact information for the author.

Deadline

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