

Murphy Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Awards:

Scholarships are awarded annually by semester or the next available enrollment date if the winner is on an enrollment waiting list. All scholarship money will be paid directly to the school, one-half in the fall and one-half in the spring. Recipients must be enrolled as full-time post secondary students.

Eligibility:

Any high school senior living in the USD of 392 (Osborne), 399 (Natoma), 407 (Russell), 432 (Victoria) is eligible to apply. Recipients must display a strong sense of community involvement and leadership.

Applicants may apply for renewals by displaying a strong sense of community involvement and leadership. The applicant also must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better.

Application:

The application must include the following items to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed application form and profile.
2. An essay addressing the following (100 word minimum):
 - a. What are your major accomplishments?
 - b. Write about a challenging experience and how it affected you?
 - c. A brief statement regarding how you plan to finance your college education.
3. Two letters of recommendation-one from a high school faculty member and one from a community leader. Each letter needs to address the following questions:
 - a. What is your relationship with the applicant?
 - b. What do you consider to be the applicant's strengths?
 - c. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
 - d. Does the applicant exhibit leadership skills? Please explain.
 - e. Is there any other information the scholarship committee should know about the applicant?

Renewal application must include the following items to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed application form and profile.
2. Post-Secondary transcript.

Award Selection Process:

A scholarship committee consisting of three (made up of one family member, and the chair and vice chair of the Russell County Area Community Foundation Board) will make a recommendation to the Russell County Area Foundation board. The Russell County Area Foundation board will announce the winners in April/May of the current year.

Deadline:

Completed applications must be received at the Russell County Area Community Foundation business office in Russell on or before 5:00p.m., March 31st, of the current year. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Please mail completed applications to: Russell County Area Community Foundation, Attn: The Murphy Memorial Scholarship Committee, PO Box 172, Russell, KS 67665.

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Name:

Address:

City:

St:

Zip:

Telephone #:

E-mail:

Social Security #:

Birth Date:

High School Attending:

Date of Graduation:

High School GPA:

Name of Post Secondary School Planning to attend/are attending:

Intended/Declared Major:

Post Secondary GPA:

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Address:

City:

St:

Zip:

Telephone #:

E-mail:

I have read and understand the guideline information regarding the Murphy Memorial Scholarship and have submitted the items required: 1) application form and profile, 2) essay, and 3) two letters of recommendation. I understand that incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Applicant Profile

Is there any extenuating circumstances that might affect financial need that we should know about. ie.) Recent death in the family, medical bills, etc.

Please include year(s) of participation. Examples: Band-Junior, Senior; STUCO President-Senior; Basketball – 4 years.

Awards/Honors:

Offices/Leadership Roles:

Clubs/Organizations:

Work Experience:

Athletics:

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Other School Activities (Band, Yearbook):

Community, Church, Civic and Volunteer Activities:

About the Murphy Family:

Mike and Tonya Murphy spent their lives in Central Kansas. They are the third generation owners of Gorham Telephone Company. (George W. and Almira E. Murphy were the first and John L. and Judy A. Murphy were the second.) Gorham Telephone Company is an independent phone company that provides local service in the state of Kansas.

The Murphy family believed that if you were an honest hard worker and you had the desire to reach a goal you could accomplish anything you set your mind to doing. Getting an education is one of the most important things you can do in your life and it is something nobody can take away from you.

This scholarship is a way for the Murphy family to give back to the area the company and family served for over 100 years.

What is the Russell County Area Community Foundation?

The Community Foundation is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. In collaboration with our donors, the Foundation strives to enhance all areas of life including, but not limited to, education, environment, civic and human services, health care and the arts.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation is not so much a *place* to give, but a *way* to give. The Foundation offers opportunities to develop scholarships, organizational endowments, donor-advised funds, field of interest funds or designated funds.

For more information, call our office at **785-445-3611** or visit us on the web at www.rcacf.net.

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