

ECKSEC Future Special Educator Scholarship

The staff of the East Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative (ECKSEC) encourage talented and dedicated students in the 8 school districts we serve to pursue a career in Special Education or Related Services. This scholarship is funded by donations from ECKSEC staff, who are committed to giving back to our profession, supporting the development of a new generation of professionals to serve students with special needs.

The scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate who will be pursuing a degree in Special Education or Related Services, including:

- Teaching (Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Gifted Education)
- Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy
- School Psychology
- Other Related Special Education Services

The scholarship recipient must attend, and be a graduating senior at a High School within the ECKSEC service area:

USD 288 – Central Heights
USD 344 – Pleasanton
USD 346 – Jayhawk/Linn
USD 362 – Prairie View
USD 365 – Anderson County
USD 367 – Osawatomie
USD 368 – Paola
USD 416 – Louisburg

The recipient must

- be a full-time student (12 hours minimum, or the equivalent) at any post-secondary educational institution.
- demonstrate school and community involvement that supports an interest in pursuing a degree in Special Education or Related Services.
- fully complete the scholarship application, including an original essay of 250-500 words (specific requirements for the essay are included in the application form).
- provide 3 letters of reference (2 school personnel, 1 non-school person)

All application materials are due to the student's High School Counselor by February 8th, 2019.

Essay: Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer the follow question (250-500 words):

What area of Special Education and Related Services do you plan to study? Why are you committed to this career? Explain the importance of your chosen field of study in your community. After answering these questions, please feel free to provide the selection committee with any additional information you would like them to have as they consider your application.

Please submit 3 letters of reference, along with this application.

These references should illustrate your commitment to this field of study, and/or qualities and experiences that describe your commitment to a service profession. 2 reference letters should be from school personnel. 1 reference letter should be from a non-school person.

Deadline:

All materials are due to your High School Counselor by February 8th, 2019.

Application

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