

**YOUTH SCHOLAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP  
IN MEMORY OF THE LINHART FAMILY**

*Please read all stipulations of the scholarship before signing the application.*

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarships will be awarded annually to students who attend or attended schools in Boyd, Holt, or western Knox counties or resided in the area for a minimum of 4 years. High schools included are: West Boyd, Lynch, Stuart, West Holt, O'Neill, O'Neill St. Mary's, Chambers, Ewing, Niobrara, Spencer, Butte, and Verdigre. Preference will be given to those applicants expressing a desire to return to the application area.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee consists of six local and regional civic, business, and educational leaders from the geographic area in which the scholarship applies.

**APPLICATION**

The committee shall notify schools, city officials and media outlets of this scholarship and establish a deadline for application in a timely manner.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS**

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior of an eligible high school or be residing in the specified Holt, Boyd and western Knox County area for 4 years and have graduated with a high school degree.
2. Candidates must exhibit a history of high character, good citizenship, and moral conduct. An emphasis is placed on the integrity of the applicant.
3. The applicant must attend an accredited college, community college, or vocational school.
4. The applicant must submit an application by the Scholarship Application deadline (April 1, 2010) to: Youth Scholar College Scholarship Committee, PO Box 398, O'Neill, NE 68763.
5. Along with the standard application form, applicants will be required to provide three letters of recommendation from three unrelated parties.
6. Applicant shall prepare an essay which describes briefly their proposed major field of study, the reason for selecting this major, and your plans for using your education to strengthen rural communities.
7. Selection committee reserves the right to interview eligible applicants.

**ALTERNATE SELECTION**

If the recipients of these scholarships do not accept the scholarship or fail to attend an accredited college, community college, or vocational school, the scholarships shall be awarded to an alternate. The alternate must meet all of the requirements of the scholarship to be eligible.

**PAYMENT**

At the beginning of the first term a check for one-half (1/2) of the scholarship will be issued to the educational institution which the student is attending. After completion of the first term, with proof of an overall Grade Point Average of "C" or 2.0 and enrollment for the second term, a check will be issued to the educational institution the student is attending for the remainder of the scholarship.

The scholarship committee reserves the right and the discretion to award any amount or amounts it so determines and said scholarship may be renewable and/or terminable after the first year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any scholarship award hereunder shall not cause the recipient's total scholarship awards, including scholarships from other sources, to exceed the recipient's estimated cost of attending college, which includes but is not limited to costs of tuition, books, room and board.

**LOSS OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The student may lose the scholarship and not receive payment for the second term if he/she fails to complete the first term, or for not attaining a Grade Point Average of "C" or 2.0 for the first term. The student may also lose the scholarship if he/she is convicted for the illegal possession, use, or sale of any controlled substance as defined by Nebraska State Statutes. If any of these situations occur, the remainder of the scholarship monies will be distributed to the alternate. In the event that neither recipient nor alternate remains in school or are failing at the end of the first term, the monies will become part of the corpus of the scholarship fund.