

# MARTENS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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

## **Scholarship:**

Scholarships will be awarded annually to graduates of high schools located in or serving Holt County who plan on attending a degree-granting 2 or 4-year college or university. Preference will be given to individuals who have been long term participants in 4-H and/or are active members of the Methodist Churches in Atkinson or O'Neill; however, these activities are not required of any scholarship recipient.

## **Scholarship Application Deadline:**

**APRIL 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed or considered. All applications received after the above deadline will be placed on hold until applications received by the required deadline are reviewed. Completed applications may be submitted either via mail or email to:

**Martens Family Scholarship**  
**P.O. Box 398**  
**O'Neill, Nebraska 68763**  
**[martensfamilyscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:martensfamilyscholarship@gmail.com)**

## **As part of the application process you are required to submit the following items:**

- Completed Martens Family Scholarship Application Form.
- Letter of Recommendation from two unrelated parties, one of which must be from an employer teacher, or high school administrator and if such applicant is out of high school, then any combination of employers or college faculty.
- Essay which briefly describes applicant's proposed major field of study, the reason for selecting this major, and their plans for using their education to strengthen rural communities.

## **General Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must attend degree-granting 2 or 4 year college or university.
- Must be graduating from or a graduate of a high school located in or serving Holt County.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have been long term participants in 4-H and/or are active members of the Methodist Churches in Atkinson or O'Neill; however, these activities are not required of any scholarship applicant.

## **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 may 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 2.75 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 2.75 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. If a scholarship goes unused, for any reason, it may be deemed forfeited, at the committee's discretion and such applicant will be required to reapply.

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# Martens Family Scholarship Application Form

<b>Full Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>E-mail</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Name(s)</b>			
<b>GPA:</b>	<b>Class Rank</b> _____ <b>of</b> _____	<b>ACT Score (if available):</b>	

<b>Are you/were you a 4-H Member?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If yes, what 4-H Club do/did you belong to and describe your length of 4-H participation.</b>		

<b>Are you an active member of the Methodist Churches in Atkinson or O'Neil?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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Academic honors and awards received while in high school (attach additional sheets, if necessary):	
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Extracurricular activities in which you have participated (attach additional sheets, if necessary):	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

<b>College you expect to attend:</b>			
<b>Tuition: \$</b>		<b>Room &amp; Board: \$</b>	
<b>Books &amp; Fees: \$</b>		<b>Other Expenses: \$</b>	

<b>How do you plan to finance your education?</b>	
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<b>If selected, do you want information on your award publicized?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_