



Winsor Tucker

Scholarship
Application

Due
March 3, 2021

January 2021

Enclosed are the forms for the Winsor Tucker Scholarship. This is a very generous, renewable 4-year scholarship set up by Mr. Tucker upon his death and is administered by the York Community Foundation according to his wishes. Last year, five scholarships were awarded ranging from \$8,000 to \$12,500 annually.

Applicants may apply online at www.yorkcommunityfoundation.org. Just click the scholarship link on the home page for the application form.

Winsor H. Tucker was born in 1930, and lived in York, Nebraska all of his life. When Winsor was 17 years old, he was struck down by a rare disease that left him wheel chair bound for the remainder of his life. He did walk across the stage, with the aid of crutches, to receive his high school diploma. He attended York College for a year, but was not able to finish his education due to his disability.

Winsor's parents owned a sale barn north of York, where he worked for many years. He was a very intelligent man who had a great interest in education and learning. He studied the stock market and made a large share of his money in the stock market.

In 1999 Winsor Tucker passed away, leaving a large portion of his estate to the York Community Foundation to establish a scholarship fund. The first Winsor Tucker Scholarships were awarded in 2000.

The eligibility criteria for the scholarship are very specific and the academic criteria are very rigorous. However, the use of the money as to where and how it may be used is extremely generous. Please read the enclosed criteria and review the rules with the students who are interested in applying for this scholarship.

Because the application requires a letter of application and three letters of recommendation, we suggest that you notify your students of this scholarship as early as possible. An interview may be added this year if the candidates are extremely numerous. Thank you for all that you do to assist your students in becoming successful in their academic endeavors.

Scott Kohmetscher, Chairman
Winsor Tucker Scholarship Committee

Please Read the Scholarship Criteria Before Proceeding:

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

All scholarship application materials must be completed and returned to the scholarship committee no later than March 3, 2021. If necessary, interviews will be held. Applicants will be notified.

An applicant graduating from the following schools shall be eligible regardless of his or her residence: York High School, McCool High School, Heartland Community High School, or Nebraska Lutheran High School. An applicant graduating from any other school district that includes York County property must reside in York County.

The maximum amount of the scholarship shall be equal to fifty percent of the total cost of undergraduate study at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The scholarship committee shall give academic achievement a seventy percent weight and all other factors a thirty percent weight.

Recipients must be in the top fifteen percent of their class and taking a college preparatory class if their school offers one and have recorded an ACT composite score of at least 27. Physical fitness may be taken into consideration, but athletic prowess, or lack of it, is not to be considered.

There shall be two to five grants each year and there shall be no restrictions as to which college or university the student attends, as long as it is accredited and the student carries a normal course load in a program leading to a degree. The grants may be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other fees. They shall be paid directly to the institution.

The term of the scholarship shall be for four years. However, at the end of each academic year, the scholarship committee shall review the record of the students, or their designee, and the scholarship shall be renewed only if the student maintains a 3.0 or a B grade point average.

WINSOR TUCKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

****Scholarships may be submitted electronically or in hard copy form.****

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ DATE _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____

COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BROTHERS/SISTERS: (please list age)

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____ GPA: _____

HIGH SCHOOL RANK: _____ OUT OF _____ IN CLASS.

ACT SCORE: _____

SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED? YES OR NO

MAJOR OR VOCATION YOU PLAN TO PURSUE: _____

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:

In order to complete your scholarship application, we request that you provide the following:

1. Submit three letters of recommendation, of which no more than two should be from school personnel. You should provide the writer of your recommendation with a stamped/addressed envelope to be mailed to the committee. If you wish to be notified when your letters of reference have been received, attach a stamped/self-addressed postcard to your application and it will be mailed to you when your application is complete.
2. Letters from family members will not be considered.
3. Submit a copy of a grade transcript from your high school.
4. **On a separate sheet of paper type your answers to the following questions:**
 - a. You have indicated a particular course of study in your application at your chosen institution. Why have you chosen this field?
 - b. What academic course work have you taken that you feel has better prepared you to pursue a post-secondary education?
 - c. Describe the personal and career goals that you have set for yourself.
 - d. Describe community and school activities in which you have been involved.
 - e. Are there any special circumstances that we should consider that would make you an excellent applicant for this scholarship?

Letter of Recommendation for the Winsor Tucker Scholarship

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Applicant's Name: _____ Date _____

Your Name: _____

Your Position: _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

The applicant named above has asked you to write a letter of recommendation for a substantial scholarship to a college or university of their choice. Even though the scholarship committee recognizes that activities outside of the classroom help to build character and leadership abilities, this scholarship is based primarily on academic success. Therefore, we recommend that community references concentrate on community involvement, whereas members of the academic community concentrate on activities and attitudes in the classroom and extracurricular areas. **We require that your letters be typed or word-processed rather than hand-written.**

Please attach a *dated and signed* copy of your letters of recommendation. Please mail the letter of reference/recommendation directly to the scholarship committee. All information that you provide will remain confidential. The address is given below.

Thank you for your assistance.

Winsor Tucker Scholarship Committee
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Letters may also be sent electronically: e-mail ycf@yorkchamber.org
Fax: 402-362-5953