

BANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Banks Chamber of Commerce
Annual Scholarship Award
Qualification Criteria and Requirement
Scholarship Application

The Banks Chamber of Commerce administers 4 annual awards of \$1000.00 each to graduating high school senior(s) who show significant promise in their chosen educational direction. The student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Be a graduating high school senior
 - 2) Submit application form, student essay, recommendation letters and a copy of high school transcript.
 - 3) Execute your plan for enrollment in an accredited community college, trade school, college or university.
 - 4) Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5
 - 5) Demonstrate leadership and commitment to the community through involvement in extracurricular and/or volunteer activities
 - 6) Finalists will be required to participate in an **interview process** in May, at which time the selection committee will choose the scholarship winners.
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NAME: _____ CLASS OF _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

PLANS FOR ENROLLMENT: CC; TRADE SCHOOL; COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

In your own words, please provide an essay (1000 words maximum) explaining your reasons for furthering your education. Also provide details about your community involvement and any extracurricular or volunteer activities during your four years of high school.

Application package must include: Application form; student essay; letters of recommendation and high school transcript. Form must be signed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Information

The Banks Chamber of Commerce Scholarship program seeks to support higher education by awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have shown a commitment to both academic success and community involvement. There are (4) scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each that will be awarded: Chamber Scholarship, Jim Ward Memorial Scholarship, King Family Scholarship for Technology, and King Family Scholarship for Animal Science.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Graduating High School senior with plans to enroll in an accredited community college, trade school, college or university.
- Cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Demonstrates leadership and commitment to the community.
- Review the requirements and application details below.
- Technology Scholarship will give preference to applicants majoring in STEM related fields (i.e. engineering, information sciences or technology)
- Veterinary Scholarship will give preference to applicants majoring in animal related fields (i.e. veterinary, animal or agricultural sciences)
- Students are eligible to receive more than one scholarships if selected, but preference is to award to multiple applicants.

APPLICATION DETAILS

- Please return you application package to Banks High School Counselor or to Banks Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 206, Banks, Oregon 97106
- Student Essay
- High School Transcript
- Letters of Recommendation (from teachers, employers, or adult community members)
- Application package should be complete, including essay, transcript and recommendation letters due by April 30th to the Chamber or High School Counselor.
- Any questions, call 503.324.4502 or 503.324.1081
- Scholarship recipients must show evidence of college acceptance and first term completion by May 1st of following year or scholarship will be recended and awarded to alternate recipient. Student must also provide account information for office of financial aid at chosen institution.
- Upon proof of first term completion, scholarship funds will be released to office of financial aid at chosen institution. It is then the student's responsibility to ensure funds are received and available in correct student account.

Scholarship Essay Guidelines

- 1) Education Plans: What do you want to study and why? Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years?
- 2) Scholarship Impact: Explain how the scholarship could help you achieve your educational and career goals.
- 3) Community Involvement
- 4) Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities
- 5) Awards and/or Achievements
- 6) Grammar, spelling, appearance and completeness are also part of criteria.

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