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March 7, 2023

Wauneta Palisade High School
Betsy Johanson, Guidance Counselor
PO Box 368
Wauneta, NE 69045-0368

Dear Betsy -

This letter is to give you an update on the following scholarship, administered by Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation.

Leu Foundation Wauneta/Palisade Scholarship	
Total Award Amount Available:	\$2000
# of awards:	2
Amount of awards:	\$1000
Award comments:	
Please return Award Recommendation by:	April 15th
Fund Summary Attached:	Yes
Application Attached:	Yes
Award Recommendation form attached:	Yes

Best wishes to you and your school community. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Heidi King

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LEU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
administered by MID-NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION in cooperation with AREA SCHOOLS

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Established with Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation in 1997 by the Leu Family Foundation

Who should apply?

- 1) *Graduating seniors who attend school at Alliance, Arthur Co., Chase County, Eustis-Farnam, Hayes Center, Hershey, Maxwell, Maywood, McPherson Co., North Platte, Stapleton, Sutherland, Hitchcock Co., Wallace or Wauneta-Palisade, and prior year Leu Foundation Scholarship recipients.*
- 2) *Applicants must be in the top 25 percent of their class.*
- 3) *Applicants must have demonstrated leadership ability in past activities.*
- 4) *Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.*
- 5) *Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue agriculture or religious studies.*
- 6) *Awards are renewable upon re-application and selection from among all applicants.*

Where can scholarships be used?

Any college or university, including technical and trade schools.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS (not HS email address!) _____

GRADUATION DATE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

MOTHER'S NAME (or Guardian) & CONTACT INFO _____

FATHER'S NAME (or Guardian) & CONTACT INFO _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND OR ATTENDED _____

HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED _____

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD _____

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION OR SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND (esp. if out of state) _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE _____

ANTICIPATED MAJOR _____

Please return this form to your guidance counselor in time for the deadline set by the counselor.

DEADLINE: _____

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Leu Foundation Scholarship

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This information is provided in an effort to keep schools and their scholarship committees informed of the original intent of the donors of the Leu Foundation Scholarship. It may be especially helpful to new staff, new faculty and new committee members.

Scholarship Committee: Each school is to have their own scholarship committee for purposes of soliciting applicants, publicizing the scholarships, reviewing applications and recommending scholarship recipients. The committee shall adopt procedures and methods that assure a general knowledge within the school of the existence and nature of the scholarship fund, the eligibility criteria and the anticipated amount of such scholarship(s) each year. The committee shall advise Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation of a designated individual for communication purposes. *Currently it is assumed that the contact person will be the high school counselor.*

An existing scholarship committee may be designated as the committee for the purposes of this scholarship. If there is no such committee, there shall be one composed of individuals selected from the following classes of individuals connected with each high school:

- ❑ High school administrative staff – may be the superintendent of schools or the principal or counselor. The superintendent of schools shall make the designation of the administrative staff committee member.
- ❑ High school faculty members – Two or more individuals may be selected who demonstrate an interest in serving on the committee. The superintendent of schools shall appoint such individuals.
- ❑ Members of the school board - An interested individual from the respective Board of Education may serve as a member. The school board of each school shall make the designation of the board member.

No member of a scholarship committee shall be in a position to derive a private benefit, directly or indirectly, should certain potential recipients be selected over others.

Procedures: Applications for scholarships must be in writing and made to the committee of each school. Each scholarship committee shall select an application deadline. Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation shall pay scholarship awards directly to the college or university financial aid office for tuition, books, and room and board use only. There shall be no direct payments of scholarship monies to the student.

Scholarships are for one year. The scholarships are renewable to past recipients upon reapplication and selection from among all applicants without preference. Reapplication shall include but not be limited to complete academic information for periods of attendance at any institution of higher education.

Financial Information: Each year Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation will notify each school regarding the amount of funds available for scholarships in the coming year. As written in the deed of gift, it is hoped that sufficient income will be available so that each scholarship is at least \$1,000 per year. The number of scholarships and amount of each scholarship may vary from year to year in keeping with the total amount of funds available, and the minimum of \$1,000 per scholarship. Within these parameters, the scholarship committee may decide the number of scholarships and amount of each scholarship.

Purpose of Scholarship: The scholarships are intended to provide money for additional education beyond the high school level for high school graduates, including vocational and technical training, as well as higher academic education.

Purpose of Scholarship cont.

Priority shall be given to students who intend to pursue additional education in a field of study related to

- *agriculture*
- *or religious studies*

If there are no applications for such specific courses of study, then consideration shall be given to other applicants, based on the criteria contained within the Selection Criteria.

Application Forms: Scholarship applications are to be developed by each school's Scholarship Committee, or one provided by Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation may be used.

Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors who meet selection criteria are eligible for Leu Foundation Scholarships. Past recipients of the Leu Scholarship who wish to reapply are also eligible and may obtain a copy of their high school's scholarship application from their high school.

Selection Criteria: Selection of recipients is to be made on the basis of criteria reasonably related to the purpose of the scholarship. Again, *priority for selection shall be given to those individuals who intend to pursue*

- *agriculture*
- *religious studies*

Criteria also include:

- The applicant shall be in the top 25 percent of their class, based on grade-point average.
- The applicant shall have demonstrated leadership ability in their past activities
- Personal history
- Planned course of study
- Cost of planned course of study
- Financial need of applicant
- Prior academic performance
- Recommendations from instructors, school administrators or counselors
- Motivation, character, ability and potential

Financial Need: Financial need is a condition for selection. Forms that have been designed by the Foundation may be used or each scholarship committee may use their own. 2020: *This Community Foundation no longer uses Financial Need Information Forms, but instead uses the FAFSA Estimated Family Contribution.*

Recommendation Forms: Scholarship Recommendation Forms, supplied by Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, are to be completed by the Scholarship Committee and returned to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation no later than April 15. Awards shall be given in the name of Leu Foundation Scholarship. Please use one form per scholarship award recommendation.

Scholarship Supervision: When award is more than \$2,000, each scholarship recipient shall submit a first semester grade report and a copy of their second semester schedule to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation. Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation may remind scholarship recipients to provide the required information. Payment will be contingent upon satisfactory academic progress. If it is determined that all or part of the scholarship funds are not being used for the purposes of the scholarship or that satisfactory academic progress is not being made, further payment of funds designated to the recipient may be suspended indefinitely or until the problem is corrected. If it is determined that any part of a scholarship grant has been used for improper purposes, all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover such monies will be taken.



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Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation 2023 Scholarship Award Recommendation Form Refer to Scholarship Summary

Scholarship Name: _____

Total amount available: _____

Committee Recommends	Student Name	Amount
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		
Award Alternate		

Chairperson: _____	Designated Representative?
Member: _____	Y / N
Member: _____	Y / N

I certify that no person participated in the selection process if such person was in a position to benefit in any significant way directly or indirectly from any award.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Return Recommendation form to:
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