

Diplomat Scholarship

Hastings Chamber of Commerce

Scholarship Deadline: 5:00 p.m. March 10, 2023

The Program:

In 2000 the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Diplomat Council established the Diplomat Scholarship. This scholarship is designed specifically for those individuals who currently are a senior enrolled student in and around the community of Hastings or non-traditional students living in the surrounding communities of Hastings. The scholarship is designed for those who are in need of some form of financial assistance in their undergraduate studies. The scholarship will be awarded to students planning to attend college in the state of Nebraska.

Diplomat Purpose and Function:

The Hastings Chamber of Commerce Diplomat Council was organized for the purpose of serving as a council of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. The basic functions of the Diplomats are: acknowledge existing Chamber members through Operation Thank You; recognize business anniversaries; assist with all Chamber activities as requested.

How It Works:

One (1) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to one individual attending an Adams County High School. Student must complete scholarship criteria and submit the scholarship application postmarked by the March 10, 2023 deadline. An independent judging panel screens all scholarship applications, and judges' decisions are final. Scholarship check will be paid directly to the College in the fall.

Application materials are judged on the following criteria:

1. Initial screening – Read student's paragraph about themselves as stated in Scholarship Application item #3. Make sure these paragraphs cover all the points requested in item #3. If these points are not covered the application will not be considered.
2. Letter of recommendation, as stated in Scholarship Application item #4 (specific qualities.)
3. Extra-curricular and community activities as stated in Scholastic Data item #3.

Application Deadline:

Scholarship Application must be post marked by March 10, 2023. The one (1) scholarship recipient will be notified in April. A check in the amount of \$500 will be sent directly to the recipient's college, after the student presents us with his/her registration form or student ID. The scholarship check will be paid directly to the college of the recipient in the fall.

Return Completed Scholarship Application to:
Diplomat Scholarship
Hastings Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1104
Hastings, NE 68902-1104

Scholarship Application:

1. You must be a senior student currently enrolled in an Adams County High School.
2. You must be attending a College or University in the State of Nebraska.
3. Complete this form. One (1) \$500 scholarship is available.
4. Attach to this form a letter of three (3) or more well-written paragraphs. Paragraphs must include:
 - a. Something about yourself
 - b. Your dedication to the community of Hastings
 - c. Your goals
 - d. Your need for assistance
 - e. Your future plans
5. One (1) letter of recommendation (references) from an individual, one of whom have been an instructor or supervisor of the applicant. Letter must be sealed in envelopes by recommendation letter writer and mailed with this scholarship application.
6. Completed form must be postmarked by March 10, 2023.

I. Personal Data

1. Full Name: _____
2. Permanent Home Address: _____
3. Telephone Number: _____
4. High School Name: _____
5. College Planning on Attending: _____

II. Scholastic Data (attach extra page if necessary)

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____
2. Briefly describe your extracurricular and community activities: _____

3. Name recent distinctions, honors, and awards you have received: _____

