

Diplomat Scholarship
Hastings Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship Deadline: 5:00 p.m. January 29, 2016

The Program:

In 2000 the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Diplomat Council established the Diplomat Scholarship. This scholarship is designed specially for those individuals who currently are a senior enrolled student in and around the community of Hastings or non-traditional student 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 service 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 January 29, 2016 deadline. An independent judging panel screens all scholarship applications, and judges' decisions are final. Scholarship check will be paid directly to the College of choice during 2016-2017 School year.

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 January 29, 2016. The one (1) scholarship recipient will be notified in February. 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 will be credited to the student's account upon endorsement by both the student and school during the 2016 -2017 school year.

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 during the fall 2016 season.
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 January 29, 2016.

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: _____

