



High School Senior Head Start Scholarship Application

Criteria: If you have attended Head Start in one of our CNCAP (Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership) service areas, you have the opportunity to apply for the following scholarship:

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership- Mary Dusek Head Start Graduate Scholarship

- 2 Local CNCAP Scholarships - \$250 each.
- Applicants who attended a Head Start program in CNCAP's service area will be eligible for this cash award.
- This scholarship targets individuals who reflect the clause of hard work, educational determination and leadership.
- **Deadline for the Scholarship is due to CaLee Thomsen by 11:59pm on January 16th, 2024. (I know the application says February 1st, but that is when I need to send it to the NeHSA and it needs to come to the local level first. The scholarship goes to the local level first before it goes on to the state and regional level.)**

Award Specific Criteria:

- The nominee must have attended Head Start for one or more years in a CNCAP service area.
- The nominee must be scheduled to graduate from High School, be pursuing a post-secondary education, and submit name of institution of higher education that they are enrolled in or have the desire to attend. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.

Include in Application:

The nominee must submit responses for each of the following categories, in their entirety. Maximum point value for each category is indicated in parentheses. Judges will be rating the specific information.

- 1. Biography:** Please share key details about yourself and your family, connection to Head Start and current educational environment. (30 points)
- 2. Special Contributions:** Describe activities contributed by the student to the local Head Start program or community as a volunteer. (30 points)
- 3. Educational Goals:** The applicant should write a statement of personal goals **no more than 200 words in length.** (20 points)
- 4. Letters of Reference:** The nominee must submit 2 letters of reference. Attach letters of reference from two people who knew the nominee as a student (school personnel preferred), and as a member of or volunteer in the community. **Please have them address their letters to the scholarship committee** as the letters of references will be utilized for all of the awards if chosen. Judges will rate the overall effectiveness of the letters. Applications that do not include two references will not be considered for this award. (20 points)
- 5. Cover Page:** Submit attached cover page and email address. Please enclose a “head shot” photograph.
- 6. Media:** Applicant must be willing to allow CNCAP to publicize their nomination through a variety of social media channels including annual publications, newspapers and websites.

If you have any questions please contact CaLee Thomsen at 308-745-0780 ext. #119

Current and Past Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership service areas:

- Columbus
- Schuyler
- Albion
- Fullerton
- Central City
- Atkinson
- O’Neill
- Broken Bow
- Ord
- Burwell
- Loup City
- St. Paul
- Centura
- Ainsworth
- Spalding
- Aurora

Cover Page

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

High School currently attending: _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Name of Head Start Program attended: _____

City: _____

Institution of Higher Education that you are enrolled in or have been accepted to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Field of Study: _____

Mail/ email completed application and a “head shot” to:

CNCAP

Attn: CaLee Thomsen cthomsen@centralnebraskacap.com

P.O. Box 509

Loup City, Nebraska 68853

Email: cthomsen@centralnebraskacap.com

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 308-745-0780 ext. #119.