

Carol Nigus Memorial Scholarship

Carol Nigus was a long-time special education teacher and administrator in Brown County. She was devoted to serving special needs children and adults during her entire life. After her death, Carol's husband founded this scholarship to encourage graduates to pursue a career in special education.

A \$500 scholarship is available for a graduate of Hiawatha High School who is enrolled as a full-time college student majoring in education and having an interest in completing a Special Education Degree. The is a one-time nonrenewable scholarship.

The Hiawatha USD 415 Educational Foundation manages this scholarship. Email questions to the foundation administrator at edfoundation@usd415.org.

Selection Criteria

- Recipient must be a graduate of Hiawatha High School.
- Recipient must have a high school grade point average of no less than 3.0.
- Recipient must have a financial need.
- Recipient must demonstrate potential success in post high school training. Information used in this area will include grade point average, class rank, ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Recipient must come from a family gainfully employed regardless of vocation.
- Recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) at a college or university pursuing a degree in education and have an interest in completing a Special Education degree.
- Applicant must submit a completed application form.
- Applicant must submit three reference questionnaires with their application form. The references should include one educationally related reference and one non-educationally related reference. The third reference type is the applicant's choice. There will be no applicant interviews.
- Participation in extracurricular activities and community involvement will be considered.
- By graduation, applicant must have completed at least eight units of academic credit from Hiawatha High School.

Application Process

All applicants must submit a completed application and required documentation as follows:

- 3 signed reference questionnaires must accompany this application.
- Include a high school transcript signed by the HHS counselor.
- Include a copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores if applicable.
- Submit the application by April 1st to the counselor at Hiawatha High School.

Payment Procedure

The total amount of the scholarship award will be paid as one installment directly to the recipient's educational institution for credit toward the recipient's tuition and expenses. Student must provide proof of enrollment by emailing a class schedule, including name of the school, to edfoundation@usd415.org by August 1st.

Carol Nigus Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant Phone: _____

Address: _____

Applicant Personal Email: _____

Class Rank: # _____ out of # _____ Grade Point Average: _____ ACT/SAT score: _____
(7 semesters)

Number of children at home: _____ Number in college next year: _____

Choice of College:

1. _____

2. _____

College major: _____

List your activities in school: _____

List your activities out of school: _____

List all class or organizational offices you have held: _____

Explain most recent paid employment you had (include employer and nature of work):

Parent/Guardian #1 information:

Parent name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Employer: _____
Work Position/Title: _____

Mark range of annual income:

Below \$20,000 _____ \$20,000-\$30,000 _____ \$30,000-\$40,000 _____
\$40,000-\$50,000 _____ \$50,000-\$60,000 _____ Over \$60,000 _____

Parent/Guardian #2 information:

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Employer: _____
Work Position/Title: _____

Mark range of annual income:

Below \$20,000 _____ \$20,000-\$30,000 _____ \$30,000-\$40,000 _____
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By signing below, I certify I have read the above application and my responses are true and accurate. I waive the right of confidentiality of my transcripts, grades and any records relating to my past and future educational pursuits and agree the involved educational institutions may release all information requested.

Signature of applicant

Date

Carol Nigus Memorial Scholarship Educationally Related Reference Questionnaire

Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Mailing Address: _____

Reference, please address the following questions candidly and objectively. Remember, constructive criticism is not a condemnation; rather, it is an expression of support and interest in the applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

Are you related? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

2. Is the applicant an individual who is more likely to find satisfaction in working toward individual objectives or in working within a group toward group or collective goals? Provide an example.

3. Does the applicant have a narrow, average, or wide range of interests?

Provide comments in support of your judgment.

4. Does the applicant consistently work up to his or her capacity? Explain:

5. What do you consider to be the applicant's talents and strengths? Explain:

6. In what areas would you like to see the applicant improve him or herself? Explain:

7. How would you rate the applicant's chances of success in a post-secondary educational situation?
Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

8. How has the applicant contributed to his or her school and/or community through volunteerism and individual involvement beyond that which is required by membership in school organizations?

9. Comment briefly on the applicant's personality:

10. Relating only to your personal contact with the applicant and ignoring any unsubstantiated report or rumor, please address the following questions by rating as follows:

<u>Rating</u>				
EXCELLENT		GOOD		POOR
5	4	3	2	1

- a. Please rate the applicant's character _____
- b. Please rate the applicant's initiative and drive _____
- c. Please rate the applicant's citizenship _____
- d. Please rate the applicant's ability to accept responsibility _____
- e. Please rate the applicant's ability to cooperate and work well on routine tasks _____
- f. Please rate the applicant's ability to relate to peers _____
- g. Please rate the applicant's ability to relate to authority figures _____

Please comment on any of the above items (10a-10g) which you feel deserve a special consideration or explanation.

Signature of Reference

Date submitted

Carol Nigus Memorial Scholarship Non-Educationally Related Reference Questionnaire

Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Mailing Address: _____

Reference, please address the following questions candidly and objectively. Remember, constructive criticism is not a condemnation; rather, it is an expression of support and interest in the applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

Are you related? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

2. Is the applicant an individual who is more likely to find satisfaction in working toward individual objectives or in working within a group toward group or collective goals? Provide an example.

3. Does the applicant have a narrow, average, or wide range of interests?

Provide comments in support of your judgment.

4. Does the applicant consistently work up to his or her capacity? Explain:

5. What do you consider to be the applicant's talents and strengths? Explain:

6. In what areas would you like to see the applicant improve him or herself? Explain:

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Please comment on any of the above items (10a-10g) which you feel deserve a special consideration or explanation.

Signature of Reference

Date submitted

Carol Nigus Memorial Scholarship Third Reference Questionnaire

Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Mailing Address: _____

Reference, please address the following questions candidly and objectively. Remember, constructive criticism is not a condemnation; rather, it is an expression of support and interest in the applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

Are you related? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

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- e. Please rate the applicant's ability to cooperate and work well on routine tasks _____
- f. Please rate the applicant's ability to relate to peers _____
- g. Please rate the applicant's ability to relate to authority figures _____

Please comment on any of the above items (10a-10g) which you feel deserve a special consideration or explanation.

Signature of Reference

Date submitted