

Edith Shear Scholarship

Edith Shear was a 1947 graduate of Hiawatha High School. Edith's husband, Bill, was a salesman of a variety of products and equipment over his career which led to the opportunity to travel and live in many areas around the country. They also enjoyed vacations traveling the world. They moved back to Hiawatha after Bill retired in 1987. Edith, her twin sister, Emma, and their mother Ruth, ran an antique store in Hiawatha for several years. Along with her love of antiques, Edith was also a gifted painter.

This scholarship is for **past graduates** of Hiawatha High School. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing the arts or business fields. Up to ten scholarships may be awarded each year.

The scholarship amount is \$1,000-\$2,000 depending upon the number of qualified applicants. This is a one-time nonrenewable scholarship. However, all qualified alumni are eligible to reapply each year regardless of previous receipt of an Edith Shear Scholarship.

The Hiawatha USD 415 Educational Foundation manages this scholarship. Questions may be emailed to the foundation administrator at edfoundation@usd415.org.

Selection Criteria for Past Graduates

- Applicants who have already completed a bachelor's degree are not eligible.
- Applicant must be a past graduate of Hiawatha High School.
- Applicant must attend an undergraduate program or accredited vocational program as a full-time student in the fall semester following application (minimum of 12 credit hours).
- Applicant may be a non-traditional freshman enrolling in their first year of post-secondary education if they did not graduate the year immediately before the year of this application.
- Applicant must provide an unofficial transcript of all previous college coursework. If the fall semester is the applicant's first college semester, an HHS final transcript must be included.
- Applicant must have a post-graduate grade point average of no less than 2.0, or a high school GPA of no less than 2.0 if the applicant has not attended college yet.
- Preference will be given to applicants pursuing the arts or business fields.
- All applicants must submit a completed application form.

Application Process

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

- Include an unofficial COLLEGE transcript which indicates a major of Art or Business. If the transcript does not include a declared major, include a signed letter from an academic advisor which states the applicant's declared major.
- If the upcoming semester will be the applicant's first college semester, include an official high school transcript.
- Submit the application by **April 1st** to the USD 415 Board of Education office at 706 S. 1st Street, Hiawatha, KS 66434.

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.

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Applicant Name: _____ Applicant Phone: _____

Address: _____

Applicant Personal Email: _____

College Grade Point Average: _____

High School Grade Point Average: _____
(If have not attended college yet)

Number of children at home: _____

Number in college next year: _____

College or school you are attending or plan to attend: _____

College major or area of training: _____

List all community and academic organization involvement including any leadership roles you have held since graduating high school: _____

List any post high school paid employment you have had and your job responsibilities.
(Include employer and nature of work):

Explain any other information you would like the scholarship committee to know. (Optional)

In 300 words or less describe your future vocational or professional plans.

I hereby confirm all information provided on this application is true and accurate. I understand knowingly providing false information automatically disqualifies me from eligibility for this scholarship.

Signature of applicant

Date