



**2021**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION PACKET**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **IF I APPLY FOR 12 SCHOLARSHIPS DO I NEED TO MAKE 12 COPIES OF MY APPLICATION?**

*No. One complete application packet with essays and letters of recommendation is to be turned in to the Smith-Cotton High School counselor's office. Copies will be made for you.*

### **DO I NEED TO WRITE ESSAYS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT REQUIRE THEM AND THE GENERAL ESSAY "WHY I SHOULD BE CHOSEN FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP"?**

*Yes, any specific essay needs to be included with your application as well as the general essay.*

### **I HAVE APPLIED FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE RECEIVED IT YET. WHAT DO I PUT ON MY APPLICATION FOR "List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter?"**

*Write down what you know. (For example; Bright Flight or Athletic Scholarship Award.) You may also want to comment on other awards you have applied for or expect to receive (for example; Pell Funding.)*

### **WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO MAJOR IN?**

*There are still plenty of Foundation Scholarships available for undecided majors – please review the list carefully.*

### **WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I HAVE RECEIVED A FOUNDATIONS SCHOLARSHIP?**

*Foundation Scholarship awards are announced at Senior Awards Night – May 5, 2021.*

## HELPFUL TIPS

- **READ** THROUGH THE ENTIRE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET.
- **CHECK MARK** ALL THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU QUALIFY.
  - **LOOK FOR A MATCH WITH YOUR** MAJOR OR AREA OF STUDY IN COLLEGE.
  - **MATCH THE ACTIVITIES YOU WERE INVOLVED IN** DURING HIGH SCHOOL--BOTH AT SMITH-COTTON OR WHITTIER AND IN THE COMMUNITY—WITH SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA.
- **ASK FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY RECEIVE A BETTER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO RUSH THROUGH IT.
- **PAY ATTENTION** TO WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP IS ASKING FOR. IF THE CRITERION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IS FINANCIAL NEED, BE SURE TO ADDRESS THAT IN YOUR ESSAY.
- **APPLICATION PACKET** IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [SEDALIASDF.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/](http://SEDALIASDF.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/)



## Congratulations Class of 2021!

*Thank you for your interest in scholarship opportunities that are managed by the Sedalia School District Foundation. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of many thoughtful individuals and families, over \$64,000 in scholarships is available for graduates of Smith-Cotton and Whittier High Schools.*

### **Students applying for a Foundation Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Graduate from Smith-Cotton or Whittier High School in December 2020 or May 2021.**
- 2. Use your Sedalia School District lunch pin number to identify yourself on the scholarship application. Contact the counselor's office if you do not know your lunch pin.**
- 3. Provide two letters of recommendation.**
  - a. One recommendation letter should be from school personnel and one from outside the school district.
  - b. Letters should be generic in nature while the recommendation itself should be specific regarding your attitude, academic ability, college potential, and personal attributes. Please provide your student lunch pin to use in your identification for those writing letters of recommendation.
  - c. Please note: Several scholarships have specific requirements on letters of recommendation.
- 4. Attach a written essay on "Why I should be chosen for this scholarship."** (Along with any specific essay required to apply for certain scholarships.)
  - a. Essays should be legible and grammatically correct. Please use your Student lunch pin and not your name when identifying yourself on essay.
  - b. You may wish to explain extenuating circumstances which might be important in determining your eligibility.
- 5. Please attach a list of your leadership qualifications and the extra-curricular activities you were involved in during high school.** You may wish to attach a resume. Please use your Student lunch pin and not your name when identifying yourself on list or resume.
- 6. Have a significant classroom teacher complete the "Teacher Recommendation" form as required.** Please provide your student lunch pin to teacher completing the Teacher Recommendation form.
- 7. Foundation scholarship recipients **must write a thank you note** to the appropriate Foundation Scholarship Donor by July 1, 2021.** Scholarship recipients will receive the name and address of donor when the scholarship is awarded at Senior Awards Night on May 5, 2021.
- 8. Submit the completed application and all accompanying documents to Smith-Cotton High School Counselor's office or [craftonp@sedalia200.org](mailto:craftonp@sedalia200.org) by **4:00 pm February 10, 2021.****



**This page is only for identification purposes in the Smith-Cotton High School counselor's office. It will be removed before application is sent to scholarship committees for selection.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student lunch pin:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS MANAGED BY THE SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Criteria for selecting recipients are determined by scholarship donor committees. Donors have designated the areas of study, community and school activities, university or technical school, etc. listed in the scholarship criteria. The goal is to reflect each donor's values and interests while keeping the criteria as broad and competitive as possible.

*The amount and number of scholarships awarded may vary as endowments change in value.*

CHECK HERE TO APPLY	SCHOLARSHIP NAME	AWARD QTY	SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Allen-Miller Family</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to any degree</li> <li>Financial need</li> <li>Actively involved at Smith-Cotton and in community, community involvement can consist of after-school job</li> <li>Scholarship renewable with 3.0 GPA in college</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Joe Arbisi Memorial</b>	<u>\$250</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have been a member of the high school swim team</li> <li>Preference will be given to candidates that swam with BANDITS Swim Team and/or plan to be on college swim team</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bill G. Arnold Athletic</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of a "C" average</li> <li>Participation in high-school sports</li> <li>Letter of recommendation from a coach</li> <li>Letter of recommendation outside the field of education</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Allen Bess Instrumental Music Scholarship</b>	<u>\$250</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student pursuing a degree in instrumental music</li> <li>Graduating in the top 50% of their class</li> <li>Actively involved in orchestra, marching band, concert band, pep band, or jazz band at Smith-Cotton High School</li> <li>Actively involved in instrumental music groups in the community</li> <li>Students with financial need will be given priority</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Morris K. Byrum Memorial</b>	<u>\$500</u> 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student pursuing any degree or with any high school GPA</li> <li>Available to help students with financial assistance in receiving a post-secondary education either at a college or trade school</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gerald O. and Helen E. Cecil Memorial</b>	<u>Varies</u> <u>Up to \$500</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student with financial need will be given priority</li> <li>Student attending any accredited public institution of higher learning including technical schools, trade schools, junior colleges, colleges or universities, with preference for those attending local and in-state institutions</li> <li>Students should demonstrate respect and appreciation for fellow classmates, teachers and administration</li> <li>Students should demonstrate respect and consideration for living in Sedalia</li> <li>Student should demonstrate positive can-do attitude</li> </ul>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cedar Hill</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College bound seniors graduating in the top 50% of their class</li> <li>• Demonstrated their respect and appreciation of Sedalia through civic organization or other community service</li> <li>• Participated in diverse high school activities or groups</li> <li>• Demonstrated respect for all members of their class and teachers</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coffelt Family</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship open to applicants pursuing a degree in music or business</li> <li>• Scholarship open to applicants attending a technical school</li> <li>• Applicants must have a GPA of 2.75 or above</li> <li>• Renewable up to three academic years</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cordry Family</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to student who received special education services while enrolled in the Sedalia School District #200</li> <li>• Available to any GPA</li> <li>• Student should be actively involved in their community and at Smith-Cotton High School</li> <li>• Scholarship can be used for any post-secondary degree program including a trade school</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coach Ross Dey Baseball</b>	\$250 <u>Per semester</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCHS baseball player who has earned 2 varsity letters in baseball</li> <li>• Intends on playing collegiate baseball</li> <li>• Renewable if student plays collegiate baseball and maintains a 2.5 GPA</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jane McCurdy Dugan Memorial</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deserving student with financial need and academic potential</li> <li>• Consideration to those with special circumstances</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Frances Elizabeth Rapp Ely Memorial</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students pursuing any degree</li> <li>• Student must show financial need</li> <li>• Student must show active involvement in the community and at Smith-Cotton</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bill Evans/Beryl Thomas Memorial</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuing a music degree</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Perry Conrad Fairfax Athletic-Academic</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending University of Missouri College of Engineering</li> <li>• SCHS football player who started in at least one home football game their senior year</li> <li>• Attended SCHS for 4 years</li> <li>• Highest cumulative GPA from 9-12 of all applicants</li> </ul>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Franklin Family</b>	<u>\$500</u> minimum Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moral character</li> <li>• Public Service</li> <li>• Financial need</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Academic Excellence</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Thom Fuller Memorial</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must have been actively involved in the Smith-Cotton High School theatre department either on or behind the stage</li> <li>• Scholarship is open to students pursuing any degree and with any GPA</li> <li>• First priority will be given to those with financial need</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jordan Ali Halane Music</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be pursuing a music degree of any kind</li> <li>• Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75</li> <li>• Applicants must creatively illustrate their desire to pursue music at the collegiate level. They may submit an essay, a video recording of a performance, or a composition, etc.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>H.W. Harris</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must be attending the University of Missouri at Columbia.</li> <li>• Student must exhibit financial need</li> <li>• Student must exhibit a strong scholastic record and ACT/SAT scores</li> <li>• Student should have been involved in extracurricular activities which require commitment and challenge. Student should be specific in essay in describing how they took a leadership position</li> <li>• Student must exhibit some consistent work-related activities which helped support the student</li> <li>• Student must be of high moral character and the school must be able to vouch for this</li> <li>• <b>Essay Topic:</b> Applicants must submit an essay describing why they are applying for the H.W. Harris Scholarship and why they desire to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU). Include any special financial need circumstances.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Myron T. Herrick</b>	<u>\$750</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Attending University of Central Missouri</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jim &amp; Judy Holman</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General scholarship open to student pursuing any degree. No GPA or extra-curricular requirements</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Donna and Larry Howard Memorial</b>	<u>\$1000</u> 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male or female Athlete</li> <li>• Academic and leadership aptitude</li> <li>• Recommendation letter from high school coach</li> </ul>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	CH. & Pauline Joy	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuing an agriculturally related degree <i>(farming, pre-veterinarian science, agri-business or agri-science)</i></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glenn M. (Mack) and Dorothy M. (Pierce) Kell for Academics	<u>\$250</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based upon academic aptitude</li> <li><b>Essay Topic:</b> Answer these three questions:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What degree have you chosen as your major?</li> <li>2. What led you to this degree choice?</li> <li>3. What would you like to do once you have this degree?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Responses should be in complete sentences and typed</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glenn M. (Mack) and Dorothy M. (Pierce) Kell for Music	<u>\$250</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuing degree in music</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles A. Ledgerwood	<u>\$750</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuing a life-science related degree <i>(conservation, biology, medical, etc)</i></li> <li>Minimum 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale</li> <li>Campus and community involvement</li> <li><b>Essay Topic:</b> "In 250 words or less, articulate your goals and what experiences or motivating factors led to your career choice. Also, discuss what impact you hope to have by pursuing your chosen career."</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Maggard-Mateja Memorial	<u>\$1000</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuing a degree in art related field or studied and shown proficiency in the visual arts in high school.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Major Saver	<u>\$500</u> 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>Pursuing an education degree</li> <li>Attending a Missouri college/university</li> <li><b>Please note: Students who previously received an SSDF Dual Credit Scholarship are not eligible for this scholarship.</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eva Mothersbaugh Memorial	Up to <u>\$2000</u> Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deserving student with financial need</li> <li>Pursuing a degree in the communication arts preferred but not required</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Parkhurst Memorial	<u>\$500</u> 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to any major</li> <li>Minimum 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale</li> <li>Demonstrated respect and appreciation of Sedalia through civic or community service</li> <li>Actively involved in SCHS activities or groups</li> <li><b>Essay Topic:</b> Answer these three questions: "Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why? From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education? Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and future goals." <b>Please note:</b> Submission must be typed</li> </ul>



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Steve Schilb "It's never too late to do the right thing"</b>	\$500 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship open to students pursuing any degree but applicants pursuing a degree in education will be given preference</li> <li>Applicants with financial need will be given preference</li> <li>Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Skip Schulz Say You Will</b>	\$500 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skip Schulz's philosophy was "Say You Will and prove it." In his 30 years of teaching mathematics and coaching football and baseball, he would encourage by saying, "Say you will."</li> <li><b>Essay Topic:</b> "In a four-paragraph essay, explain how you will use these words of encouragement and this scholarship to succeed in college."</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sedalia School District Foundation</b>	\$500 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community involvement</li> <li>Financial need</li> <li><b>Essay Topic:</b> "Give us three lessons or suggestions that you have learned from your high school experience that you would share with incoming high school students."</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mark Shelby Memorial</b>	\$500 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deserving student</li> <li>Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>Attending University of Missouri</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gary and Larry Siron</b>	\$500 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship open to students pursuing any degree at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or trade school</li> <li>Applicants should demonstrate financial need</li> <li>Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher</li> <li>Applicants should have participated in extracurricular activities either associated with Smith-Cotton or in the form of meaningful employment</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Smith-Cotton High School Alumni</b>	\$500 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be a child or grandchild of a Smith-Cotton graduate:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alumni's name: _____</li> <li>Alumni's graduation year: _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Conrad Stephens</b>	\$500 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship open to students pursuing any degree at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or trade school. Applicants pursuing a degree in an agriculturally related field will be given preference</li> <li>Applicants should demonstrate financial need</li> <li>Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher</li> <li>Applicants should have participated in extracurricular activities either associated with Smith-Cotton or in the form of meaningful employment</li> </ul>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seth Wagenknecht</b>	<u>\$500</u> 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College bound senior attending any accredited university and graduating in the top 50% of their senior class</li> <li>• Demonstrated respect and appreciation of Sedalia through civic or community service</li> <li>• Participated in diverse high school activities or groups</li> <li>• Demonstrated respect for all members of their class and teachers</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Joan Walker Memorial</b>	<u>\$500</u> 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuing a secondary education degree with emphasis in English</li> <li>• Intends on becoming a high school English teacher</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rick Yount</b>	<u>\$4,000</u> One-time award in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student with financial need will be given priority</li> <li>• Student attending any accredited public institution of higher learning including technical schools, trade schools, junior colleges, colleges or universities, with preference for those attending local and in-state institutions</li> <li>• Students should demonstrate respect and appreciation for fellow classmates, teachers and administration</li> <li>• Students should demonstrate respect and consideration for living in Sedalia</li> <li>• Student should demonstrate positive can-do attitude</li> </ul>



## Scholarship Application 2021 – Background Information

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student lunch pin: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

College planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated annual cost of tuition, room, and board: \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total number of people living in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members enrolling in a post-secondary institution next year: \_\_\_\_\_

Total gross family income as reported on most recent tax return:

- Under \$50,000       \$50,000-\$75,000       \$75,000-\$100,000       Over \$100,000

List any major indebtedness for which your family is responsible:

\_\_\_\_\_

List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:

Personal                      Estimated Amount:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarship(s)                      Estimated Amount:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Loan(s)                      Estimated Amount:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Financial Resources                      Estimated Amount:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**To be filled out by the Guidance Counselor:**

Student lunch pin: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ # in class: \_\_\_\_\_ Standardized Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> Semester GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's  
%: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Scholarship Application 2021 - Teacher Recommendation Form

Please ask a classroom teacher to complete this scholarship recommendation form. Teacher should submit the completed form to the counselor's office or [craftonp@sedalia200.org](mailto:craftonp@sedalia200.org) by **4:00 pm on February 10, 2021**.

Student lunch pin: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List the class or classes in which you taught the student during his or her high school career:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the student in each of the following areas using the following key:

- 1. Outstanding (top 2-3%)**
- 2. Excellent (in top 10% but not in the outstanding category)**
- 3. Above average**
- 4. Average**
- 5. Below average**


**Academic achievement**

**Intellectual ability**

**Expressing ideas**

**Study habits**

**Motivation**

**Level of maturity**


**Leadership skills**

**Moral/ethical behavior**

**Goal setting**

**Meets obligations on time**

**Shows concern/respect for others**

**Respected by others**

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_