



The Hope Scholarship

(In Memory of Autumn Hope McKinney)

First off, congratulations on taking the first step to a higher education. We would like to help support the future of local scholars and their dreams to becoming a positive example in anything and all that they strive to do in life. We would like to acknowledge and reward your dedication and hard work knowing full well the hurdles you will still face in the years to come.

We will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to a Winslow High School graduating senior who meets the criteria we have listed below. We understand the financial obstacles of attending facilities of higher education and would encourage all Seniors who will be graduating in May and have set their minds to accomplishing further goals in their academic career to apply.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants **MUST BE** a **CURRENT** Senior at Winslow High School/ or still attending their institution of higher education (not a previous winner, can only win once). Post high school applicants must show documentation to their upcoming semester/ academic year.
2. Applicant **MUST BE** planning to attend a 4 year University, 2 year Junior College, or a Vocational School in the upcoming fall semester.
3. Applicant **MUST BE** maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or higher (high school/ or collegiate).

Application items to be included in packet:

1. The application Page.
2. Two letters of recommendation: The first from a faculty member of Winslow High School. (teacher, principal, or counselor/ adviser. The other from a non-faculty member. (Continued on page 2)

3. Resume of extracurricular activities in and out of school and any offices held in said established organizations.
4. Post high school applicants may attach additional recommendation letters from professors in combination of past Winslow High School faculty.
5. A two-page essay that addresses the following:

We have all had ups and downs in life, some can be said to be more “difficult” than others. We of all people know how life can change in just one night. Though difficult, we have tried to use our experience to show that even in the most troubling of times and in the darkest hours of life; some positivity can come from it and from it we “HOPE” it echoes through generations and this scholarship is an example.

Please tell us about an event or experience in your life that could have taken you down a negative path, but instead you chose a positive one. We know this can be a difficult topic to remember and discuss thus briefly tell us of your struggle followed by your actions or thoughts that lead you to a positive path.

Remember that every life event changes you in some way, shape or form. You may not think your actions at the time were in a positive light. We are here to remind you that some positive actions are not realized while we are living them, but rather by looking back. Maybe that positive spin on life has been for yourself or someone close to you, maybe it has been by helping others and giving back, maybe it is as simple as moving forward with your life every day and choosing to be kinder; whatever the reason we “HOPE” this essay has reminded you of the person you once were and the strength you found within yourself to overcome even your darkest experiences. Some may have just needed a reminder of how strong you really are. That strength will help you in all your future endeavors.

*****APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE TURNED IN TO MR. BARRIS, ROOM 102
NO LATER THAN APRIL 23RD, 2025.**