

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship season begins in August.
- Packets are mailed to schools within two weeks of receiving materials from ENF
- ENF mails scholarship packets and information to each lodge. Always throw away old applications.
- Each lodge will receive a CD that contains all the information needed to successfully conduct a scholarship contest. DO NOT LOSE THIS CD.
- If more materials are needed contact ENF. Use this email address: DebbieK@elks.org

CONTACT SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Each lodge has a list of schools in your jurisdiction.
- A couple of weeks after school starts, contact counselor. Give them your name and phone number so they have a contact person if they have problems or questions.
- Tell them their packets will be arriving and that they should purge their files of all old material and applications. Remind them that they may photocopy the applications and that students may complete the application online at www.elks.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Applications will be basically the same as this years—they will do just a few tweaks here and there.
- Deadline will be later this year—around November 15th. Exact date will be on the applications.
- Later deadline means the lodge will have a shorter period of time to judge applications and mail your 6 applications to me.
- State judging has been set for December 4th.
- It takes time to prepare the applications for state judging as I must grade each one.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Judging the applications requires that you follow the judging criteria (on the CD) and use some common sense.
- Sending an application that scores low just because you can send 3 boys and 3 girls is not needed. If the student does not have what it takes to move on, don't send the application on for state judging.
- Low ACT scores, low grades, no employment or community service or very little are good indicators that the application should never reach the state judges.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Each year incomplete applications are sent in for state judging. **This should NEVER happen.** It is not my responsibility to put things in order or call the student because things are missing.
- Applications should be sent for state judging in perfect order.
- Applications **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE LODGE.** That should be done when they first come in. This can cause students to be disqualified.
- Each one should have a 6 semester transcript AND the classes the student is currently enrolled in for 1st semester. If not there, contact student.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- NO 3-ring binders are allowed. Must be in a cardboard folder with contents 3-hole punched and secured in correct order.
- Parental financial page must be complete—return if not.
- Exhibits must be included.
- Must either be computer generated or printed in black ink. No blue ink or pencil.
- Must have a counselors report in a sealed envelope.
- No plastic page covers.

LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Contact schools and answer any questions. If you don't know, contact me.
- Remind counselors of deadline and make sure someone will be at lodge to accept completed applications.
- Before deadline, call and remind counselor where to send completed applications.
- Check application while student is there to see if all sections are complete. If not, give them the chance to get it corrected. Give them a deadline—1 or 2 days.
- Before judging, open envelopes and place sheets in proper places in applications.

LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES

- You cannot judge scholarship portion without test scores or transcript. Counselor page is needed in the judging process.
- Judging is very subjective. Regardless of whether you grade hard or easy, BE CONSISTENT. It all comes out in the wash since all scores are averaged.
- SEND YOUR BEST! Don't send the low scoring ones. It will not change at state level.
- Use CD and complete the local level judging reports. I need the information for my reports to ENF.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

- Children/grandchildren/step-children/ step-grandchildren or legal wards of a living Elk who joined on or before April 1, 2008 are eligible to apply. The sponsoring Elk must be a paid-up member in good standing. Great grandchildren are not eligible.
- Applicant must be a H.S. senior
- Must be submitted on line/ application can be found at www.elks.org/enf/scholars
- If applicant's parents and grandparents are Elks-must apply through parent's lodge
- May apply for more than one Elks scholarship-if winner, will be awarded the one of greater value.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

- The amount of the award is \$4000/ \$1000 for 4 years
- Up to 250 legacy scholarships are awarded every year.
- More information can be found at www.elks.org for all the Elks scholarship programs.

EMERGENCY EDUCATION GRANTS

- Provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks who wish to obtain or further their college education.
- The amount awarded is based on the information submitted and can range up to \$4000 a year.
- This is a 1 year only grant, and may be applied for three more times.
- Applications are filed between July1 and Dec.1.
- Renewal applications are filed between July1 and Oct. 1

EMERGENCY EDUCATION GRANTS

- These awards are for educational assistance ONLY; they are not intended to cover the entire cost of the college education.
- Cannot be extended beyond four years.
- Elk parent or step parent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at time of death or one year before becoming totally disabled and must continue to be in good standing when application for assistance is made.
- Applicant must be unmarried, under age of 23 as of Dec. of year of application and attending a US college or university as a full-time(12 semester hours) undergraduate student.