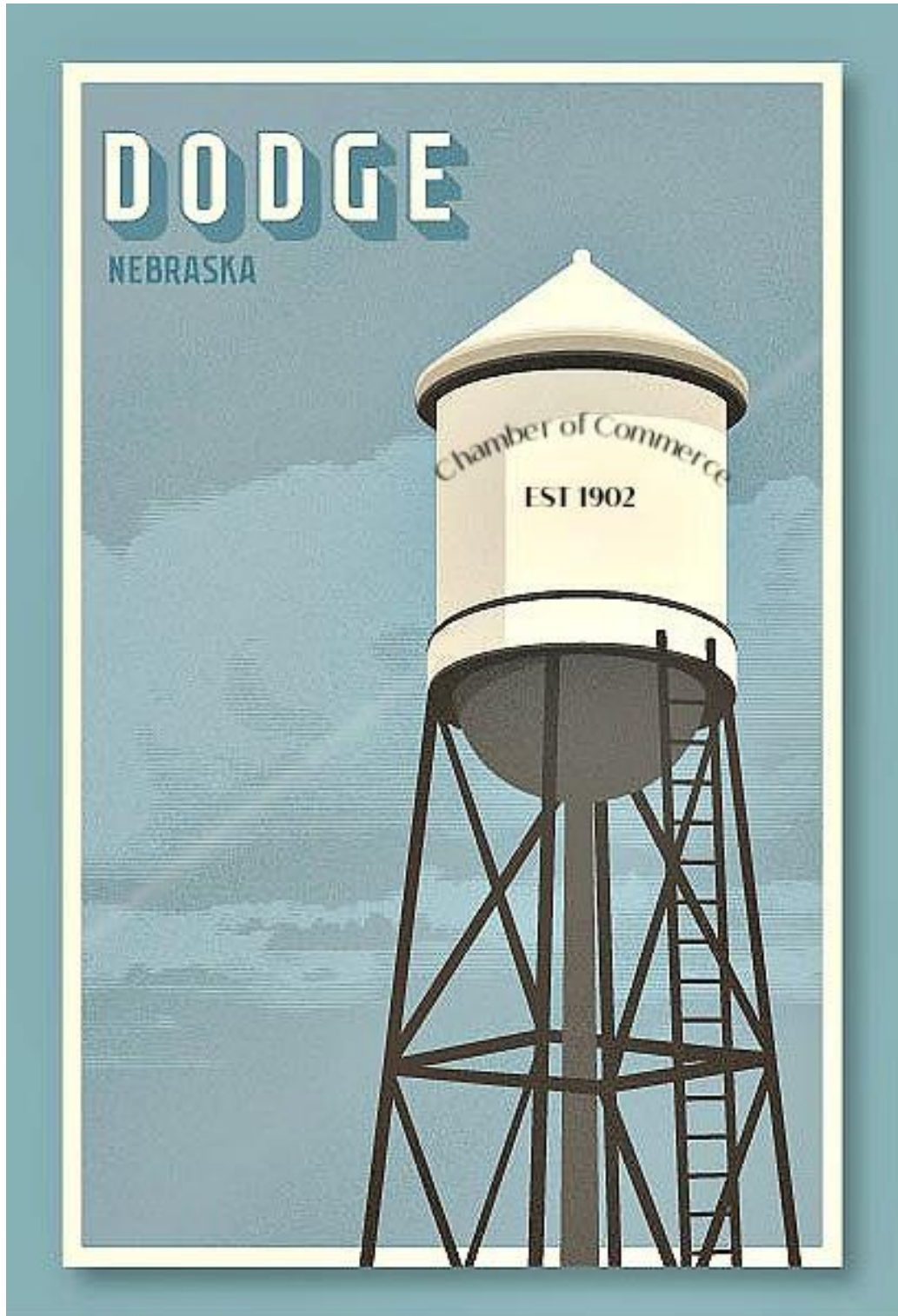


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## SCHOLARSHIP

The Dodge Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior that deserves assistance covering tuition expenses associated with higher education.

**Applications will be accepted between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The award recipient will be notified by May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

As a Business and Agriculture Community, we must remain committed to growth and the future of our community. Each year the Dodge Chamber of Commerce recognizes a local high school senior for their outstanding academic achievements, extracurricular strengths and civil/community mindfulness, club/organization involvement and leadership abilities and have chosen to continue education at a college, university or formal vocational training. The scholarship monies awarded are the result5 of the generosity of members of the Dodge Chamber of Commerce and the Dodge community at-large, through tier commitment of time, monetary donation, fund raising and resources.

Two payments, one each of \$500 per semester from the Dodge Chamber of Commerce will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution. The recipient will have until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the award year to make final arrangements of scholarship funds.

## GENERAL CRITERIA

- **MUST** be a citizen or resident of the United States of America. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid U.S. passport, a copy of Naturalization certificate or a birth certificate for U.S. Citizen Born Abroad).
- **MUST** be a high school graduating senior.
- **MUST** be accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution and enrolled within 6 months of high school graduation.
- **MUST** register as a full-time student.
- **MUST** have a 2.75 or better, cumulative high school Grade Point Average (GPA) and provide verification at the completion of the first semester of senior year.
- **MUST** provide two signed Letters of Recommendation from people who have known you for more than 2 years and who are not related to you. One of the letters MUST be from a teacher.

### ***GENERAL CRITERIA continued:***

- A face-to-face interview may be required, as well as newspaper recognition and attendance at a monthly Dodge Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- **MUST** volunteer community service (minimum of 5 hours) in a Dodge service organization or one of the affiliated Dodge Chamber of Commerce Businesses or Events.

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

- Submit all information on 8.5” x 11” sheets of plain white paper.
- Complete a cover page; including your full name, address, High School, signature and date.
- The application has 5 short answer questions and a three-part essay; please retype the original question above each answer. Complete the short answer questions in no more than 150 words and the essay in no more than 500 words, single spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12.
- Weighted consideration will be given to answers and essays demonstrating excellent grammar, spelling, punctuation and the ability to express themselves.

### **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What are your accomplishments and interests?
2. What are your future plans and life goals?
3. What is your reason(s) for pursuing your chosen career path?
4. When did a time of “hard work” pay off?
5. What was your experience with your community service or Chamber of Commerce business volunteering?

### **THREE PART ESSAY**

If you were to return to your community following your post-secondary education...

1. How would you be involved in the community?
2. What would you do to improve your community?
3. How does your chosen career path help accomplish these improvements?

## **SUBMISSION INCLUSION**

1. COVER PAGE
2. APPLICATION FORM
3. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
4. ESSAY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
5. UNOPENED OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
6. RESUMÉ
7. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ONE FROM A TEACHER
8. A COPY OF YOUR POST-SECONDARY ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION
9. A SIGNED LETTER OF VOLUNTEER COMPLETION FROM A DODGE SERVICE ORGANIZATION OR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE.

**Please send organized, completed applications to:**

**Dodge Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 105  
Dodge, Nebraska 68633**

# Dodge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application Form

Printed Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Post-Secondary Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary Institution Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary Institution Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date