

J. Harold and Mabel Hamil Memorial Scholarship Selection Criteria and Application Procedures

Purpose: The J. Harold and Mabel Hamil Memorial Scholarship program provides annual scholarships to graduating seniors in honor of J. Harold and Mabel Hamil. The scholarships are intended to assist high school students who have excelled in the areas of English/Journalism; Debate/Public Speaking; Political Science; and/or Community Involvement to pursue a college/university education.

Student Eligibility: To be eligible for a Hamil Scholarship, students must be graduating seniors from one of the following Northland high schools: North Kansas City High School, Oak Park High School, Winnetonka High School, Park Hill High School, Park Hill South High School, Platte Co. RIII High School, or St. Piux X High School. Students must be nominated by their high school as a candidate for the scholarship.

Amount of Scholarship: Two scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded.

Application Procedures: Students are requested to complete the application form and submit two recommendation letters to their school counseling office. Each of the seven participating high schools are requested to screen the student applications and nominate **one** candidate for consideration for the scholarships. Application packets are provided to the counselors for each of the seven high schools by February 1 of each year. Application packets include:

1. Information sheet with details about the selection criteria, eligibility requirements and instructions for completing the student application and submitting recommendation letters.
2. An application to be completed by the student applying for the scholarship.
3. Recommendation form for each of the two required recommendation letters.

The student is responsible for requesting a recommendation letter from a teacher or counselor from their high school and a recommendation letter from one other individual (not a relative) who is familiar with the students' accomplishments and character. The teacher recommendation letter is to be sent directly to the school counseling office. The second recommendation letter is to be forwarded by the student to the counseling office along with the completed student application.

Applications are due to school counseling office no later than _____.

The school counseling office is requested to submit a letter stating the school's nomination for the scholarship along with the student application, recommendation letters and the student's academic transcript to Northland Community Foundation by **March 15, 2010**:

Hamil Scholarship Selection Committee
Northland Community Foundation
1055 Broadway, Suite 130
Kansas City, MO 64105

Selection Criteria: The applications and recommendation letters of the nominated candidates will be reviewed by the Hamil Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee is composed of community leaders and volunteers with experience in the fields of journalism and government as well as a member of the Hamil family and a representative from Northland Community Foundation.

Based on a possible ten (10) point scale, applications will be evaluated on the students' experiences in the areas of English/Journalism (1 to 4 points); Debate/Public Speaking (1 to 2 points); Political Science (1 to 2 points); and/or Community Involvement (1 to 2 points). In addition, consideration will be given to the students' grades, honors, and special recognition as well as the students' educational and vocational goals.

All student candidates are required to participate in a group interview with the Selection Committee. Time and date will be announced at a later date.

Scholarship Award: The scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at the Northland Community Foundation Annual Meeting. All nominated students, their parents, and recommending teachers are invited as guests to the annual meeting.

The scholarships are paid directly to the college or university that the scholarship recipient attends in two equal installments for each semester of the student's freshman year. Students must maintain a 2.00 grade point average for the first semester in order to qualify for second installment.

For more information, please call Northland Community Foundation at 816-627-3405, or e-mail your questions to us at scholarships@gkccf.org.

J. Harold and Mabel Hamil Memorial Scholarship Student Application

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Email Address: _____

Parents/Guardians Names _____

Address(if different from students) _____

Parents/Guardians Occupation(s) _____

1. Please summarize your interest and activities in the following areas:

English/Journalism (yearbook, school paper, etc.):

Debate/Public Speaking (oral communication):

Political Science (student government):

Community Involvement/Volunteer Activities:

2. Please tell us about your employment experiences:

3. Please tell us about any honors or recognition you have received:

4. What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

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5. Please attach a short letter telling us your educational goals, vocational goals and your personal interests. (Please limit to one page).

6. Please include a copy of your official transcript with this application.

7. You are asked to submit two recommendation letters in support of your application. Please ask the individuals submitting the recommendation letters to use the form included with the application packet for their recommendation.

One recommendation letter should be submitted by a teacher or counselor from your high school. This letter should be submitted directly to your school counseling office.

The second recommendation letter should be from one other individual (not a relative) who is familiar with your accomplishments and character. You should submit this letter to your school counseling office along with your completed application.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this application to your school counselor by _____

J. Harold and Mabel Hamil Memorial Scholarship Recommendation Letter

You have been asked to submit a recommendation letter for the student listed below. Please respond to the questions on this form. Please submit this letter directly to the student no later than _____.

Please call the school counseling office at _____ you have any questions or need any additional information.

Student's Name _____
Last First Middle

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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How long have you known this student? _____

Please share with us why you believe we should award a Hamil scholarship to this student. (You may use this sheet or attach a separate sheet for your response to this request.)