

The Knightsen Graduate Alternate Route Scholarship

The Knightsen Graduate Alternate Route Scholarship seeks to support former Knightsen School District 8th grade graduate students in pursuit of trade school training or a 2-year degree. The scholarship was created to offer greater opportunity to students passionate about a future career that does not necessarily require a four-year degree. Some such jobs include (but are not limited to) medical technician, paralegal, firefighter, computer technician, culinary expert, or mechanic.

Requirements

Candidates must:

1. Be a senior in high school who graduated 8th grade from the Knightsen Elementary School District.
2. Have maintained a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher over four years of high school. (Submit transcripts)
3. Have demonstrated good behavior and citizenship in school and in the community.
4. Provide three letters of reference: one from a teacher, one from a community leader such as a coach or club advisor, and one from a non-relative who has known you for more than two years.
5. Write a personal statement of no more than two, double-spaced, typed pages explaining your passion for a particular field of study and stating specific goals for success in your future education and career. (How did you become interested? What do you do to further your passion? How will you assure you are successful in pursuing your passion?)
6. Plan to attend a reputable, accredited, 2-year college, trade, or technical school the semester following high school graduation.
7. Be prepared to interview with a panel of Knightsen School District representatives.
8. Demonstrate a genuine need for these funds.

Awarding the Scholarship

Students will be:

- selected by a panel of three to five Knightsen administrators, teachers, and/or community members.

Note to applicants

While grades, citizenship, and extracurricular activities are important; this scholarship seeks primarily to assist students passionate about a particular career or field of study. In your statement, tell us how you became passionate about your career path, share stories of activities you participate in that illustrate that passion, and prove your commitment to an education that will allow you to continue your pursuit of your dream. Let your determination and excitement show in your writing.