

Instructions

This packet is mandatory, so please ensure you are completing all parts. Incomplete application packets will not be submitted. ***The due date of 3:15 pm on Wednesday, March 11th 2026, is firm.***

☐ **COVER SHEET**

- Fill out the Local Scholarship Cover Sheet **completely** and accurately.
- Planned area of study: Most scholarships require a field of study. Please indicate which career you are planning to pursue. Even if you are undecided, you need to choose which field you are most likely to enter at the time you fill out the application.
- When filling out the combined yearly income, you **MUST** include income from BOTH parents. The only exception would be if one parent is not in the picture and is not providing financial support; in that case, you would not include their income.
- Extenuating circumstances are those that impose a financial burden on the family. For example, a person in the family has a major health diagnosis, and treatment costs are high and out of pocket. Or maybe a parent's income is being garnished. It is very important that this section is accurate as some of the scholarships are needs-based.

☐ **TRANSCRIPTS**

- The ACHS counseling department will provide copies of your ACHS transcript /and Cowley College transcript.

☐ **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- Please check scholarship descriptions for specific requirements.

☐ **ONE-PAGE RESUME**

☐ **ESSAY**

- Typed, 1-2 page, double-spaced essay
- Prompt: *Describe a significant challenge, opportunity, or setback in your life and the impact it has had on your decision to enter your chosen field. Also, reflect on your personal strengths and leadership abilities and describe how you feel these strengths and abilities will benefit your community in this chosen field.*

☐ **FOR WSU APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THE ESTELLE HAMILTON GOTTLOB SCHOLARSHIP ONLY**

- Must include a copy of your parents' 2024 federal income tax return AND a senior photo.

☐ **FOR THE VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP, FILL OUT THE ATTACHED PACKET**

- The scholarship is open to all ACHS seniors, and the deadline to apply is March 31st.

☐ **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE EDUCATION/TEACHING FIELD, FILL OUT THE COWLEY COUNTY AREA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL FORM**

- This scholarship requires a separate, additional essay to be submitted detailing the specific area of education you have chosen, your motivation to enter that area of education, and your personal goals as an educator.

☐ **LEGACY AND ACE SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL COMPLETION (BY 3/1/26)**

- In order to apply for the scholarships through the Legacy and ACE funds, you must visit the link below, create an account, and provide the requested application information. Please refer to the last page of this packet for complete instructions.

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/legacy/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2Flegacy>

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE PACKET TO MISS MCDOWELL IN ROOM 118 BY MARCH 11TH AT 3:15 PM. INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Local Scholarship Application Cover Sheet

Student Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____ ☐ **Student is 18 or older**

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Email:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Parent/Guardian Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: _____

	Name of College/University/Tech School	Planned Area of Study
1st Choice	_____	_____
2nd Choice	_____	_____

Financial Information

Total number of dependents supported by your household:

Number of dependents enrolled in college in 26-27:

Parent(s) combined yearly income (place a check in the appropriate box below). If both parents provide financial support, ensure you are checking the box that represents income from BOTH parents, EVEN IF THEY RESIDE SEPARATELY:

- ☐ \$0–\$20,000
- ☐ \$20,001–\$35,000
- ☐ \$35,001–\$50,000
- ☐ \$50,001–\$75,000
- ☐ \$75,001–\$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000+

Please explain any extenuating circumstances:

Arkansas City High School Local Scholarships 2026

A Local Scholarship Cover Sheet is available for the following scholarships. The scholarship applications must be submitted no later than 3:15 on March 11, 2026.

Early Bird Lions Club (4 scholarships).....\$500

Students planning to attend any college or tech school will be considered. Eligible for an additional \$250 upon successful completion of the first year and continued enrollment for the second year.

****In order to be considered for these scholarships, an additional short essay explaining: 1. Do you plan to remain in Kansas upon completion of your degree? 2. Recent examples of community service during your high school career.**

Cowley County Association of Retired School Personnel/Ark City Unit Scholarship \$600

Awarded to a student entering the field of education. Selection is made by a panel of retired school personnel.

****To apply, you must submit an additional **essay** detailing the specific area of education you have chosen, your motivation to enter that area of education, and your personal goals as an educator.**

****Be sure to complete the CCARSP Cover Sheet on page 6 of this packet.**

Kiwanis Scholarships (9 scholarships)\$500

Ken and Karen Legleiter Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship \$500

Bill Fountaine Scholarship.....\$500

Awarded on the basis of community service, leadership in activities outside the classroom, academic achievements, work experience, financial need, and spiritual, including involvement in assisting others.

Optimist Scholarships (2 scholarships)\$500

The Optimist Club of Arkansas City is a local civic organization that supports youth through scholarships, events, and sponsorships and is well known for its Arkalalah Pork Burgers fundraiser. Its scholarships also take into account volunteer service, community involvement, and financial need when selecting recipients.

Scholarship Options:

- **Vocational-Technical Scholarship:** Minimum GPA of 2.5; must be pursuing a vocational-technical certificate or degree program.

- **General Scholarship:** Minimum GPA of 2.5; must be pursuing further higher education

Jim Brown Memorial Scholarship (2 scholarships)..... \$1,000

This scholarship supports individuals committed to youth sports and programs through employment, volunteering, coaching or participating within the Arkansas City Recreation Commission. It is open to graduating seniors and previous high school graduates pursuing any field of study at an accredited postsecondary institution. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be enrolled in or accepted to a vocational, skills-training, or undergraduate program. This is a one-year scholarship, with the option to reapply, and funds are released once attendance is confirmed.

Rotary Scholarship (2 scholarships)..... \$1000 each
 The scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to further their education at any college or vocational-technical school. The scholarship emphasizes students who are actively involved in service to others.

Union State Bank Scholarship \$500
 Awarded to encourage students of academic or technical accomplishment who want to pursue post-secondary opportunities in business, agri-business, accounting, or finance.

Arkalah Scholarship (4 scholarships) \$500
 The Arkalah committee gives back to the community by offering scholarships to deserving Arkansas City High School students.

Gaye Iden Scholarship \$500
 Gaye Iden was a teacher at Arkansas City High School for many years. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior going into the teaching profession.

Estelle Hamilton Gottlob Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
 Awarded to a student who plans to attend Wichita State University. Must be an ACHS graduate with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Must be a present senior or transferring from Cowley College to WSU. **A copy of the parent(s)' 2024 income tax returns must be provided, as well as your senior picture.** This scholarship is non-renewable.

Florence L. Stephens Trust Scholarship (4 scholarships)..... Up to \$5,000 each
 This scholarship is based on a trust set up for Florence L. Stephens, a former ACHS teacher and counselor. This scholarship will be awarded based first on academic achievement, through ACT scores, and cumulative GPA. School involvement, community service, and financial need will also be considered, but will not be the primary consideration. The \$5,000 will be disbursed at \$2,500 for the fall semester and \$2,500 for the spring semester, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Tyler Juden Memorial Scholarship..... \$1000
 This scholarship is established by the ACHS Student Council to lovingly memorialize a fellow Bulldog, Tyler Juden. A graduate of the class of 2004, Army Sgt. Tyler A. Juden died on September 12, 2009 while serving his country in Turan, Afghanistan. The recipient of this scholarship must be involved in at least one sport or activity representing ACHS with a minimum GPA of 3.0. This is a \$500-per-semester scholarship that must be used within the first year after high school graduation. It is non-renewable.

Dave and Peggy Soule Family Scholarship\$500
 Dave, Peggy, and their three sons, Ryan, Andy, and Matt, all graduated from Cowley College. Cowley is the one college all family members have in common. This scholarship will be granted to a student who plans to attend Cowley College and will be renewed yearly.

Soroptimist Scholarships

All of these scholarships are awarded to young women. Extra consideration is given to ladies involved in extracurricular activities, community involvement, and/or maintaining employment.

Soroptimist of Ark City Alice Hunt Scholarship **\$700**

Priority is given to young ladies seeking an education degree.

Soroptimist of Ark City Joan Kempf Scholarship **\$700**

Priority is given to young ladies seeking a STEM degree.

Dream Beyond Scholarship (2 scholarships)..... **\$700**

Priority is given to those who have faced obstacles in their personal lives and yet have overcome them and pursued their dreams of higher education.

SCK Health Foundation Scholarship.....\$300-\$1,200

The SCKMC Auxiliary Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior(s) from Arkansas City High School. The applicant must be pursuing an education/career in the healthcare industry.

Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarship amount varies from \$300 -\$1200 depending on the number of scholarships awarded. Scholarships will be awarded at the ACHS awards assembly. Payments will be made directly to the school/learning institution.

**THE LEGACY & ACE SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE A SEPARATE APPLICATION, DUE
ON MARCH 1, 2026.**

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS LISTED IN THE APPLICATION.



Legacy Community Scholarships

Awards are based on many factors, including community involvement, school participation, grades, financial hardship, and future potential.

Carl Martin Scholarship.....\$5,000

Angela Harding Scholarship..... \$500

Bill House Hereford Foundation Scholarship.....\$500

Brian Shaw Memorial Scholarship.....\$500

Shirley Pringle Nursing Scholarship..... \$300

Legacy Community Scholarship..... Amounts Vary

Verna Davis Scholarship..... \$2,000

William Camp; Glays Krusor Scholarship..... \$1,000

Rise Above Through Hair Lounge..... \$500

Mikesell Family Foundation Scholarship..... \$1,000

Dings Family Scholarship..... \$1,000

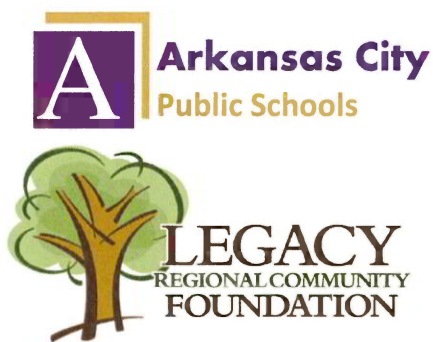
ACE Fund Scholarships

The ACE fund will award several scholarships. Academic achievement, leadership, and service through school and community activities will be considered.

ACE General Scholarships	\$500/each
Janet English Scholarship	\$1,000
Warren Family Scholarship	\$300
Friends of A.F.S Scholarship	\$500/each
Norman and Joline Iverson Scholarship	\$250
P.E.O. Chapters GH and ER Scholarship	\$500
Class of '55 Scholarship	\$500/each
Class of '57 Scholarship	\$500/each
Class of '59 Scholarship	\$500/each

The following ACE Fund scholarships will be awarded for specific areas of study or achievement

Robert Warrender Scholarship	Renewable up to \$12,000
Rogers Family Scholarship	\$500/each
Robert & Marcia Childers Scholarship (3 Scholarships)	\$1,500/each
Gene & Sally Burr Scholarship	\$500
Isaacson Family Scholarship	\$500
Bryant Family FFA Scholarship	\$500



Student Instructions to Apply for the Legacy Foundation Scholarships are as follows. THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL APPLICATION to the Local Scholarship Application, so please ensure that you take the time to complete this application.

1. Visit our online application website: <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/legacy/>
2. Click the Register a new account link if this is your first time applying. Otherwise, log in and skip to step 6.
3. Register as Individual
4. Complete the registration form using an email address other than the one provided by your school and click register.
5. Save this information in a safe place so that you have it to return to your application.
6. Under Opportunities, click the View button next to “Current Year” Scholarship Application and then Apply. You will only fill out one application that will match you to all of the foundation scholarships you qualify for based on the criteria you enter on that application. Make sure you read carefully and answer completely. Be generous with your information about activities, leadership, and community engagement.
7. Read through the instructions thoroughly. *Please note: Each time you return to work on the application, go to In Progress and click View next to the “Current Year” Scholarship Application.*
8. Complete each page of the application and certify that the application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
9. Submit your application by March 1 at 12:00 midnight. Keep in mind that some scholarships ask for additional recommendations or essays, so don’t wait until the last day, or you may not have time to complete the required steps.

Any questions about the Legacy Foundation online application system may be directed to Kathy Graeff at the Legacy Regional Community Foundation admin@legacyregionalfoundation.org or by calling 620-221-7224

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY #1254

3212 N Summit Street, Arkansas City, Kansas 67005

VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ACCA/ACHS Seniors

The Spencer-Ralston VFW Post #1254 Auxiliary is pleased to present a scholarship for \$250 to assist in the applicant's post-secondary education in pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a vocation/technical school. **APPLICANTS SHALL BE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. ** Due by March 31st ****

One (1) scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who shows academic achievement and leadership. Community involvement is valued but NOT a requirement.

ALL questions must be answered. If not applicable, indicate that with the notation N/A

Applicant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Phone No. #: _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's Email: _____

1. What is the name of the college/university or vocational/technical school you plan to attend?

2. What is your intended major or course of study?

3. What are your financial reasons for applying for this scholarship?

_____.

4. List here how many other dependent children are in the applicant's family. _____

5. List parent's/guardian's total gross income for the previous year:\$ _____

6. Please explain any special family circumstances the Auxiliary should consider

7. What is your GPA?

**** Due by March 31st ****

ACHS / ACCA Seniors

Guardian #1 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Place of Employment: _____ How many years: _____

Guardian #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Place of Employment: _____ How many years: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____



ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

Complete the application in **FULL** and send to:

Auxiliary Scholarship

Attn: Sue Hartman

2020 North C Street

Arkansas City, Kansas 67005

Or

Email to: michele.rocha@usd470.com with the subject line:

VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Application