Kiwanis

MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2027

An applicant must be applying for entrance to an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., a Junior or Community College, Trade School, Police or Fire Academy, or University. Your application must be submitted to your local Kiwanis Club in the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International. The local Kiwanis club will endorse and judge your application.

SCHOLARSHIP, documented by high school transcript, NEED, and VOLUNTEERISM are primary factors in determining these awards. Follow these instructions carefully so your application will receive due consideration:

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1) **ACHIEVEMENT** (Maximum - 35 points)- Your Class Rank is converted to a percentile with 100% (top in class) receiving 35 points, 99% receiving 34 points, etc. A percentile less than 66% (below top 35% of class) receives O points. *Achievement is also evaluated using GPA point value so do not worry if your school does not use class Rank.* A non-weighted GPA of 4.0 earns 35 points, a GPA less than 3.0 earns O points. Weighted grades will be converted to a 4.0 scale. The higher score between class rank and GPA is used for evaluating an applicant's achievement.

2) VOLUNTEERISM *(Maximum -15 points)-**SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN 8 ½ BY 11 SHEET,*** **& ATTACH IT TO YOUR APPLICATION.** Please list your involvement in extracurricular activities such as Leadership, Community Service, Class Offices, Church activities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., performed while maintaining superior grades. Be specific about what your volunteer activities involved, including the years in which you were involved. If you are a Key Club member or have attended Key Leader Camp, please list those activities here. Volunteerism will be judged subjectively, considering school and community service as well as the number of hours.

3) **HONORS** (Maximum-10 points) - **SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN 8 ½ BY 11 SHEET,** & **ATTACH** IT **TO YOUR APPLICATION.** List honors you're received such as Merit Scholarship, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Citizenship awards, Band or Choir Awards, Awards in Sports, etc. It will be judged subjectively.

4) **EDUCATION PLANS** (Maximum - 10 points) -SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN **8 ½ BY 11 SHEET** & **ATTACH** IT **TO YOUR APPLICATION.** Write a statement not to exceed one page in length of your educational plans and goals. Your description of your educational & professional plans, phrasing. spelling. and appearance will all be considered subjectively by the judges.

5) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (Maximum - 10 **points)-SUBMIT TWO LETTERS from high school academic faculty members familiar with your academic performance and planned college studies. Letters must be on the school letterhead and must be signed by the faculty member with his or her position or title included.** Each letter will earn 5 points*. Letters without letterhead or signed by a faculty member with position or title listed will lose 2 points.*

6) **FINANCIAL NEED** (Maximum - 20 points PLUS) -On the application, list adjusted gross income of parent(s) from 2025 income tax return. 1 point will be deducted for each $5,000 of adjusted income more than $50,000. Also report the number of siblings in your family who will be attending college in the Fall of 2027. 1 point will be added for each sibling attending college.

Scholarship winners may be asked to submit a copy of IRS 1040 for 2025 to document income before a check will be issued.

7) **BONUS** (maximum - 10 points) - Applicants earn two (2) points for each year of **Key Club Membership** (maximum - 6 points) with an additional bonus of two (2) points each year the student served as a **Key Club Leader or Club Officer** (Maximum **4** points).

If the applicant's school did not have a Key Club or the applicant was not a member of a Key Club, one and one half (1.5) points can be added for each year the student **assisted a Kiwanis Club** with a program or project (maximum - 6 points). **Key Leader Camp** participation is a Kiwanis Family Activity, Participants are awarded 2 points if attended.

Please submit your application, with the appropriate attachments to: Your local sponsoring Kiwanis Club (Information on bottom of the application) by **FEBRUARY 5, 2027.**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship Committee