

Scholarship Program Description

The Trustees of the Lawton Community Foundation provide a \$ 1,500 scholarship in each high school of the Lawton, Duncan, Frederick, Elgin, Altus, and Cache Public School Districts for the purpose of encouraging students to pursue post secondary education in a college or technical institution.

Students Eligible to Apply

- current seniors in a designated high school
- grade point average 3.0 – 3.79
- participates in at least one extra-curricular community service activity
- completes(ing) requirements for admission to an educational institution
- weighted consideration given to students who may not qualify for other awards
- has applied for all federal and state grants (not loans) for educational assistance, and,
- writes an essay which indicates their commitment to post-secondary education and identifies the individuals or experiences leading to that commitment.

Process

The Director of Guidance for each high school will

- notify students of the opportunity to apply for a scholarship
- receive all applications from seniors at their assigned school
- convene a Scholarship Selection Committee
- submit a Scholarship Report and Recommendations to the Lawton Community Foundation with documentation supporting the recommendations of the Scholarship Selection Committee

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Selection Committee may give preference in awarding scholarships based on

- Academic standing
- Financial need
- Community service

Award

The award is made for the academic year immediately following the date of the award. An award letter is issued to the applicant's permanent address. If possible, a scholarship certificate is presented to the recipient at a senior awards assembly or graduation ceremony. The award is paid directly to the educational institution in equal disbursements per enrollment period. Scholarship funds may be used

- for tuition, fees, and books expenses only
- for full-time degree or certification studies only