

Tonganoxie Community Historical Society

Scholarship Fund Statement of Operating Principles and Intent

History:

The Tonganoxie Community Historical Society is a non-profit organization started in 1981 to bring together those interested in the history of our community. The first officers were President, John Cass Lenahan; Vice-President, Jack Angell; Secretary, Margaret Gallagher; Treasurer, Mike Emery. Our community is defined as the area encompassed by Unified School District 464.

We are funded by membership dues, donations, and fund-raisers.

TCHS Mission Statement:

To discover, collect, preserve, display and make accessible to the public any and all objects that reflect the history of our community.

Purpose:

In keeping with the mission of the Society, the purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage young people from USD 464 to enter and pursue education and career fields related to history.

Administration:

A scholarship committee has been formed and shall be responsible for all selections of recipients and for additional fundraising for the Fund. The Society Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the Fund's account and issuing award checks to scholarship recipients as chosen by the committee with the approval of the TCHS Board of directors.

In the event that no scholarship is awarded in any given year that year's funds will remain available for future years. As the size of the Fund may vary, the number of scholarships awarded will be determined on a year to year basis by the committee.

Qualifications:

Scholarships will be awarded only to students who reside in the Unified School District #464 .

The student applicant must be entering an accredited college or university after completion of high school or equivalent level of education, and must show a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

The applicant must be pursuing a course of study related to History.

The applicant must provide a typewritten, double spaced essay of at least 500 words on a subject set annually by the Committee. This essay must accompany a TCHS Scholarship Application form.

Additional credit may be given to applicants who participate in community service and extracurricular activities. Previous recipients may reapply to be considered for an additional scholarship award.

Scholarship Selection Process:

The Committee will screen applicants according to the above criteria as a group. Each Committee member will receive copies of personal documents submitted by the applicant(s). Each Committee member will privately review the eligible applications submitted, rank the applicants, and the Committee will then come to a consensus on the final selection.

Application and Award Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted by March 10, preceding the fall semester of college. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than May 1. An award check in the amount of \$300 will be issued by the Treasurer upon receipt from the recipient of proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university.

How to Apply:

Application forms and criteria for scholarship are available on the TCHS website, www.tonganoxiehistoricalsociety.org. Forms may also be obtained at the museum during normal hours or by appointment.

Application form and essay can be emailed to TCHS Scholarship Committee at TCHS2002@att.net OR mailed to TCHS, PO Box 785, Tonganoxie, KS 66086.