

First Neighbor Bank, N.A. Scholarship

The First Neighbor Bank, N.A. Scholarship hopes to aid educational endeavors by offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The funds will offer educational grants as scholarships to graduating high school seniors who aspire to continue their education at the college level. We would like to invite all seniors to apply who conform to the criteria below. Seniors enrolled in any of the following high schools may apply: Arthur, Chrisman, Casey, Charleston, Cumberland, Kansas, Mattoon, Neoga, Oakland, Paris and Shiloh.

General information: A five-hundred-dollar scholarship will be presented at the High School Awards ceremony to a student enrolled in a two- or four-year college. The money could be used for tuition, fees, books, or living expenses for any two- or four-year College, Technical School, or Junior College. Preference will be given to applicants who are less financially able to obtain a higher education and may not be receiving other scholarships or grants.

Criteria

- Applicant should have good academic standing.
- Applicant should have some school involvement.
- We may consider work experience for determining recipient.
- Applicant should have good citizenship/behavior.
- Special consideration will be given to students planning to return to the county where they currently reside to seek future employment.
- Upon completion of the application, it is the property of the scholarship committee and is non-returnable to the applicant.
- Your transcript should also be included with your application.

Award information: First Neighbor Bank branches serving their immediate communities will be awarding a single scholarship to the chosen high school student. Some First Neighbor Bank branches serve more than their immediate communities. For those communities covered by a branch that is not physically located in their town, those student's applications will be submitted and reviewed by staff at the nearest branch. If a First Neighbor Bank branch covers more than one high school, only one scholarship will be awarded from that branch location.

The following is a breakdown of the scholarships awarded by branch.

- Arthur Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Arthur/Lovington/Atwood/Hammond High School senior
- Casey Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to Casey High School senior
- Charleston Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to either a Charleston or Oakland High School senior
- Greenup Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Cumberland High School senior
- Mattoon Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Mattoon High School senior
- Neoga Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Neoga High School senior
- Newman Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Shiloh High School senior
- Paris Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to either a Paris, Chrisman or Kansas High School senior
- Toledo Branch – 1 Scholarship awarded to a Cumberland High School senior

Application

This form must be completed in its entirety for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship.

Name _____

Parents or Guardians Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Birth-date _____

Year of Graduation _____ Choice of College/University/Technical School _____

G.P.A. _____ Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

Choice of Major _____

What are your ultimate career goals and if possible, how will you apply those goals in our area?
Your reply should be 50 words or less.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR GOALS TO THIS APPLICATION

Monetary Awards Received or Expected _____

Other Income Expected _____

Percentage of funds needed that will be paid by a parent/guardian.

(100%) _____ (75%) _____ (50%) _____ (25%) _____ (00%) _____

Percentage of funds needed that will be paid by student.

(100%) _____ (75%) _____ (50%) _____ (25%) _____ (00%) _____

Extracurricular Activities - Organizations, Clubs, Athletic Activities, _____

Community Involvement _____

Work Activities _____

Family responsibilities outside work or school _____

Additional comments by the applicant that might have an impact on the selection of recipient.

In order for us to retain a complete file, please submit a picture along with your application

The high school principal or guidance counselor must sign this application, attesting to the good conduct and character of the applicant and verifying the accuracy of the information.

Applicant Signature _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Principal or guidance counselor comments:

Rate the applicant in the top percentage of his or her class regarding their conduct and character.

(10%)____ (20%)____ (50%) ____ (lower)____

Principal signature: _____

Deadline to apply for scholarship is April 1, 2026.

Please submit your entry to any of the 9 First Neighbor Bank locations – Arthur, Casey, Charleston, Greenup, Mattoon, Neoga, Newman, Paris or Toledo.