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## 2012 HOMETOWN CAREER SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

The First State Bank & Trust Company Hometown Career Support Scholarship is funded by First State Bank & Trust Company. It was created to help those outstanding and talented students who plan to attend a post secondary vocational, trade or technical school or Midland University and, eventually, to help supply skilled persons, reducing shortages in our local labor supply. The scholarship has a two part benefit. It provides funds for tuition, books and board and room during the learning years and a twelve month financial benefit should you decide to work for a Fremont area firm upon earning your degree.

Also eligible are students who plan to attend Midland University.

**Applications are due on or before April 1, 2012. Applicants may submit their completed application to their respective school counselor - or - mail or deliver the application to the receptionist at the Main Office of First State Bank & Trust Co., 1005 East 23rd Street, Fremont, NE.**

### THE SCHOLARSHIP

- A maximum of three scholarships will be awarded for the 2010-11 academic year.
- The scholarship is a \$1,500 award to be applied toward tuition, fees, books and board and room.
- Each scholarship provides for full-time study, subject to review by First State Bank & Trust Co. at the end of each term. The \$1,500 will be paid in installments to the school of choice, with subsequent payments dependent upon the student successfully pursuing a degree and continuing to carry at least 12 hours.
- 2012 recipients must attend one of the community colleges or accredited vocational, trade or technical schools in the State of Nebraska or Midland University.
- Upon successful completion of your work at college, First State Bank & Trust Co. will provide a \$100 per month financial benefit (limit-12 months) while you are working for a Fremont firm in the Fremont area.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be mentored by a college counselor.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

To apply for this award you must be:

- accepted for admission at an eligible college/school;
- able to show evidence of being goal-oriented (declare a particular program of college study or a major field);
- a good student with the potential to have a positive impact on society;
- a resident of Nebraska;
- a senior from the Fremont Senior High School, the Fremont Learning Center or Archbishop Bergan High School who plans to attend a post secondary vocational, trade or technical school in Nebraska or Midland University;
- carrying a course load of at least 12 hours or plan to carry at least a 12-hour course load; and
- able to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Scholarship renewal is subject to receipt of grades by scholarship provider (see Scholarship Renewal paragraph on the next page).

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for this scholarship, submit the following items:

1. The application;
2. Responses to both essay questions;
3. Two completed reference forms in sealed envelopes; and
4. A transcript of your high school grades through the Fall 2010 term.

### **More details on the items listed above:**

**The Essay Questions.** The essay questions are designed to help the judges develop a sense of your interests, abilities, motivation and personal circumstances. You should provide enough information about yourself to help them evaluate your personal qualifications for this scholarship. Note the maximum length specified for each essay question.

**Two Reference Forms.** You are required to submit two completed reference forms; one personal (from an adult non-family member) and one from a teacher or counselor.

Two reference forms have been included in this application packet, one titled “Teacher or Counselor Reference Form” and one titled “Personal Reference Form.” You must print or type your name on the forms, and give a form to each of your two references. Ask them to return their completed and signed reference statements in sealed envelopes to you. Do not open the sealed envelopes; this would invalidate the reference. The reference forms must be submitted (still sealed) with your application.

**High School Transcript.** If you are currently a high school student, please include a certified original transcript of your high school grades through the Fall 2011 term.

## **SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL**

Students must maintain satisfactory progress to qualify for subsequent renewal of their scholarship. The scholarship recipient is responsible for submitting a copy of their grades, when distributed by their selected college/school, to the scholarship provider, First State Bank & Trust Co, P. O. Box 549, Fremont, NE 68026-0549. Students must also continue as full-time students (at least 12 hours).

## **RECIPIENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

All recipients of the First State Bank Hometown Career Support Scholarships will be required to sign an agreement in which they pledge to use the scholarship grant only for expenses related to their education as defined by First State Bank & Trust Co. and to provide certain documentation of scholastic performance.



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APPLICATION

Please type or print the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of High School	Mo. & Yrs. Attended	Graduation Date
_____	____, ____ to _____, ____	_____
_____	____, ____ to _____, ____	_____
_____	____, ____ to _____, ____	_____

Work History (most recent first)

Position	Employer	Date		Hours/Week
		From	To	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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List any financial factors or special circumstances which should be considered:

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List any scholarships that you have received at this point:

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Questions: Type your responses to the following questions on separate sheets of paper. Please include your name at the top of each page and attach the pages to your application. Limit your response to each question to the length specified.

1. In this essay, please tell us who you are. Write a short autobiography. Tell us what we need to know about who you are and then tell us what you see yourself doing five years from now. (250 typed words or less.)
2. Many fine students will apply for this scholarship. Convince us that this scholarship can help you achieve your goals. (250 typed words or less.)

The information stated in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation of facts would result in the automatic cancellation of my scholarship if it were awarded. I also hereby grant permission to First State Bank & Trust Company of Fremont, Nebraska, to use a photograph of me for purposes of illustration, advertising, and public relations relating to the scholarship announcement both in print and internet. I authorize the use of these images without additional compensation to me.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

For Office Use Only: GPA \_\_\_\_\_ High School or College \_\_\_\_\_

GED Diploma or High School Transcript on file? \_\_\_\_\_



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TEACHER OR COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM

This section is to be completed by the Applicant:

Name of Applicant: First Middle Last

Name of Recommender:

\*\*\*\*\*This following section is to be completed by your teacher or counselor\*\*\*\*\*

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Please assess the applicant named above to help us determine this candidate's qualification for a First State Bank & Trust Hometown Career Support Scholarship. The contents of your statement will remain confidential. (Note: please return this form in a sealed enveloped signed across the seal.)

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Please comment on each of the following characteristics of the applicant.

Initiative:

Attitude:

Motivation:

Additional Comments:

Instructor's Name (Please print or type) Date

Signature Daytime Phone Number

Please enclose this form in a sealed envelope, sign it across the seal and return this form by April 1st to the applicant.



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PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM
(FROM AN ADULT NON-FAMILY MEMBER)

This section is to be completed by the Applicant:

Name of Applicant: First Middle Last

Name of Recommender:

\*\*\*\*\*This following section is to be completed by an adult, non-family member\*\*\*\*\*

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