



## **MAIZE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Maize Lions Core Belief: “Community Is What We Make It”.**

In order to make this belief a reality, our mission is to empower volunteers to work together to strengthen our community and meet humanitarian needs worldwide. Our major areas of focus include the support of vision care for all ages, addressing unmet health and education needs; and serving and strengthening our community by sponsoring projects which improve the quality of life within the Maize community.

### **Background:**

This scholarship program was established in 2015 to honor the Lions long-time commitment to community service and continuing education. The program consists of a total of two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500 with each being awarded annually.

### **Scholarship Selection:**

All completed scholarship applications will be evaluated and recipients selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Because of the inherently subjective nature of a scholarship selection process, the committee is committed to maximum equality during review. As such, decisions of the scholarship committee are final. **Selectees will be notified by 30 May.**

### **Scholarship Qualification Criteria:**

- ⇒ Must be graduating this year from a school within the Maize School District (USD 266).
- ⇒ Must be in good academic standing with an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ⇒ Must intend to enroll in an accredited college, community college or vocational trade school during the next school year.
- ⇒ All application documents, including letters of recommendation, must be postmarked **no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

### **To Apply:**

1. Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related but know you well such as teachers, counselors, other professionals, or employers.
  - a. Ask them to describe their personal impression of you, your aptitude, skills, and character as well as the capacity in which they know you.
  - b. Ask them to mail their letter of recommendation directly to the Maize Lions Club or provide it to you in a sealed envelope. If they mail it directly to the club, it is your responsibility to ensure it is postmarked within acceptable postmark dates.
2. Provide your personal statement which must be typed, with 1 inch margins, font size 12, and no longer than two pages in length. The following topics must be addressed in your statement. You may also use this opportunity to highlight your special interests, talents, or unique experiences.
  - a. Discuss accomplishments which demonstrate self-initiative and leadership skills
  - b. Discuss your involvement in community service projects, why you chose to volunteer, and your view of the responsibilities of individuals as part of a community.
  - c. Discuss academic accomplishments, projects, and extra-curricular activities (how often and how many hours per week).
  - d. Discuss your intended major and career goal and why you have chosen that field.
3. Provide a copy of your current school transcript.
4. Complete the enclosed application cover page and mail all required documents described above to:

*Maize Lions Scholarship Committee • PO Box 373 • Maize, KS 67101-0373*



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
COVER SHEET**

Name: _____	High School: _____
College/Trade School You Plan to Attend: _____	
Month & Year of Graduation: _____	Overall GPA: _____
Current Address: _____	
Email Address: _____	Phone: _____

**Letters of Reference and Recommendation:**

Please provide the following information regarding the individuals who will be providing your letters of reference and recommendation:

1. Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (email / phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of recommendation is attached to this application in a sealed envelope.

Letter of recommendation will be mailed directly to the Maize Lions by the recommender.

2. Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (email / phone): \_\_\_\_\_

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*I grant permission to the Maize Lions Club to contact the above references; and to verify my grade point average and enrollment status in order to evaluate my candidacy for this scholarship. I understand this information will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of scholarship determination.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date