

# **SOUTH O'BRIEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

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The South O'Brien Community School District Foundation Board would like to thank each student for applying for the scholarships that we have available this year. The students from our school are very fortunate that people from our community have donated money so generously in order to further your education.

All information contained in this application is subject to change including scholarship amounts and criteria. Following is a list of the scholarships that we have available this year along with information about each scholarship:

**South O'Brien Education Association (SOEA):** The SOEA is a \$300 award that will be given to a member of the graduation class at South O'Brien High School. Highest consideration will be given students planning to enter a teaching field or a support profession such as speech pathologist. In granting the scholarship, the Education Association is attempting to encourage professions in education and reward educational excellence.

**P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter FX:** The P.E.O. Scholarship was established in 2000 by Chapter FX, P.E.O. or Paullina. The scholarship was established to help a female student fund the cost of higher education. Preference will be given to a student planning to attend Cottey College. The recipient of this scholarship must be requesting additional financial aid. The \$200 scholarship will be distributed after the completion of the first semester of college with proof of registration completed for the second semester. The first semester of college must be completed within seven months of high school graduation.

**Paullina Chamber of Commerce:** This \$300 scholarship will be available to a student that exhibits a strong work ethic, to this point in his/her life. They need to demonstrate a willingness to work with others toward a common goal and show an interest in promoting and supporting small business in rural communities. This student needs to be an active volunteer within his/her community.

**Don & Ida Dell Memorial Scholarship:** This \$150 scholarship will be available to any South O'Brien graduate to help fund the cost of higher education. Scholastic achievement, need and character will be among the criteria used to select the recipient. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**South O'Brien Community School District Foundation:** Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students to help fund the cost of higher education. Academic achievement, citizenship and community service will be among the criteria used to select the three recipients. The scholarship is open to all South O'Brien seniors. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Primghar Chamber of Commerce:** This \$300 scholarship was established in 2011 and will be available to a student that exhibits a strong work ethic, to this point in his/her life. They need to demonstrate a willingness to work with others toward a common goal and show an interest in promoting and supporting small business in rural communities. This student needs to be an active volunteer within his/her community. Available to any college choice – trade, community or 4-year. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Rausch Family Memorial Scholarship:** This \$2,000 scholarship was established in 2011 and will be available to a South O'Brien student who has an interest in agricultural studies (but not limited to) to attend a university, college or vocational school. The scholarship is a 2-year scholarship. The first \$1,000 will be awarded to the student at the beginning of the 2019 fall semester after proof of fall enrollment and second \$1,000 awarded at the beginning of the 2020 fall semester after proof of fall enrollment. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Bill Thompson Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship was established in 2012 and will be available to a South O'Brien student based on their community involvement, school involvement, and service/volunteerism. The student must have a 3.0 or better GPA. It will be available for any college choice – vocational, community college, or 4-year institution. Scholarship becomes available after successful completion of 2019 fall semester and proof of enrollment for 2020 spring semester. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Dr. Warren VerPloeg Trust Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 2015 by Dr. Warren VerPloeg who once served as Paullina's veterinarian for 40 years. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to five South O'Brien students. Applicants' criteria should include but not limited to financial need, student character and conduct, future leadership potential acquired from higher education and 3.0 or higher GPA. Available to any college choice – trade, 2-year community or 4-year institution. Scholarship becomes available after successful completion of 2019 fall semester and proof of enrollment for 2020 spring semester. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Harding Family Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 2016 by Sharon R. Scharlepp to honor her ancestors, O.B. Harding and his wife Emeline Moyer Harding, pioneer homesteaders in Osceola County, Iowa and in honor of their son, W.L. Harding, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Governor. The annual scholarship amounts and recipients will vary according to the annual allocation from the trust. Preference given but not limited to applicants majoring in areas of agriculture or agriculture related fields of study. Available to any college choice – vocational, community or 4-year institution. Scholarships become available after successful completion of 2019 fall semester and proof of enrollment for 2020 spring semester. *Note – May 2019 scholarship will become null and void if not requested by January 31, 2020.*

**Little Sioux Corn Processors: This scholarship was established in 2016. Two separate scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing the completion of a two or four-year undergraduate degree. The tuition only award will be \$500 per year for pursuing a four-year undergraduate degree, and \$200 per year for pursuing a two-year degree. The scholarship awards can be renewed up to 3 additional subsequent years for pursuing a four-year degree, and one additional subsequent year for pursuing a two-year degree. Both are subject to requalification requirements – maintain at least 12-hour workload and/or considered a full time student and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA throughout college career. Applicants must be working towards a degree (major) in the following areas: Ag Production, Ag Products & Processing, Ag Business, Agricultural Research, Conservation and Natural Resources, Economics, Education, Environmental Systems, Forestry, Horticulture, Mechanization or Nursing. All degree majors must be occupational areas of agriculture and/or agribusiness within rural communities. Scholarships become available after successful completion of 2019 fall semester and proof of enrollment for 2020 spring semester.**

**General Directions:** The entire application should be typed using a 12 font with each section written on a separate page. Section five, **Essay Topic**, should also be double spaced for easier reading. Please double check the entire application for accuracy as well as for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure as these will be taken into account when decisions on scholarships are made. The High School Guidance office will be the contact point for all questions that need to be addressed during the applicant period.

1. Complete the general application pages.
2. **Teacher Recommendation:** Ask one of your classroom teachers to complete the scholarship recommendation form which will be available to the faculty for downloading from the school's web page. Completed form will not be returned to you, but to the Superintendent's office instead.
3. **School and Community (Volunteer) Involvement:** Please list the activities in which you have participated during your high school years. Include the activities, office held, honors received, and other appropriate achievements in your school and/or community including dates or time periods that you participated in each activity and/or received the honors. Work experience should also be included as this can be an important indication of your work ethic. In addition, list any additional classes (if any) that you have successfully completed or are in the process of completing that were not taken in the traditional classrooms. Include the source of these classes for example, NCC, ICN, correspondence, etc.
4. **Financial need:** Many of the scholarships are based primarily on the financial need of the student. Please indicate the monetary resources you intend to use to finance all of your college expenses such as savings, parental contributions, students loans, or part-time jobs. All awarded academic, athletic or financial scholarships must be listed. Also indicate the contribution percentage (%) of parental financial support.
5. **Essay Topic:** At this point in your life you have already learned many "lessons" or "truths". Please share five lessons that you have learned through personal experiences or from personal observations. Complete the essay on a separate page in 750 words or less demonstrating your communication skills. Essay must be titled.
6. **Thank you note:** The second part of this section is the required "thank you note". Address your thank you to the South O'Brien Community School Education Foundation Board assuming you were awarded a scholarship **on 8.5" x 11" paper only**. *Students who are awarded scholarships will be required to send a thank you note to the donor(s) of the scholarships. Names and addresses will be provided to you at the time you receive your scholarship. The foundation secretary will also need proof of sent thank you prior to the funds being release.*
7. **PLEASE OMIT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON #3, #4, #5 AND #6.**
8. **Submission of application:** After furnishing the necessary information and checking that all steps have been completed, submit all materials except the teacher recommendation to **Dee Ann Lansink in the Superintendent's Office by Friday, April 5, 2019. Do not submit application in a bounded folder.** No applications will be accepted after that date.

**SOUTH O'BRIEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
(if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank in class: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all scholarships that you are applying for based on the criteria previously described.

I would like to apply for the following scholarship(s):

- Don & Ida Dell Memorial
- P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter FX
- Paullina Chamber of Commerce
- Primghar Chamber of Commerce
- South O'Brien Education Association
- Bill Thompson Memorial
- South O'Brien Community School District Foundation
- Dr. Warren VerPloeg Trust
- Harding Family Scholarship
- Little Sioux Corn Processors (Other application required)
- Rausch Family Memorial

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH O'BRIEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Teacher Recommendation Form**

(Teacher - please return recommendation to Superintendent's Office only)

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Class or Classes in which you taught student during his or her high school career:

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Please grade the student in each of the following areas using the following grade key:

1. Outstanding (top 2-3%)
2. Excellent (in top 10% but not in the outstanding category)
3. Above average
4. Average
5. Below average

\_\_\_\_ Academic achievement

\_\_\_\_ Intellectual ability

\_\_\_\_ Expressing ideas

\_\_\_\_ Study habits

\_\_\_\_ Motivation

\_\_\_\_ Level of maturity

\_\_\_\_ Leadership skills

\_\_\_\_ Moral/ethical behavior

\_\_\_\_ Goal setting

\_\_\_\_ Meets obligations on time

\_\_\_\_ Show concern/respect for others

\_\_\_\_ Receives respect from others

Additional comments or attach to back (DO NOT REFERENCE STUDENT BY NAME):

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Signature of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_