

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship Program has been established to recognize students who have demonstrated involvement in volunteer community and public service. The recipients will be encouraged to pursue study and ongoing involvement in the area of public service. Drawing upon the spirit and experience of Senator Dole's career, the Dole Scholarship will emphasize public service-improving the public service capacities of public officials and helping students understand the challenges and rewards of public life.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship Program must -

- Be high school seniors who will graduate in 2009 from an accredited public or private high school in Kansas.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate significant involvement in volunteer community service projects or public service activities.
- Plan to enroll no later than fall 2009 in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at a **Kansas Regents' University** or Washburn University.**

**Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

***University of Kansas
Kansas State University
Pittsburg State University*

*Fort Hays State University
Wichita State University
Emporia State University*

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$1,000 award. Up to 128 awards will be granted each year. Scholarships will be distributed equally to students in each of Kansas' four Congressional Districts, provided there are qualified applicants. Up to thirty-two (32) scholarships will be granted in each of the four districts.

Awards may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent on maintaining a 3.0 grade point average in a full-time course of study and documentation of a minimum of 50 hours per semester of involvement in volunteer community service projects or public service organizations and activities (e.g. fraternity/sorority, residence hall leadership, tutoring, Boys/Girls Club, etc.). Renewal is also contingent upon continuation of the program by The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete high school transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **March 9, 2009**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call

may call Scholarship Management Services to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. **Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.** All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, involvement in volunteer community service, work experience, statement of career and educational aspirations and goals, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Special consideration will be given to volunteerism, community and public service, paid or otherwise. Financial need is not considered. Scholarships are for undergraduate study only.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in late April. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service scholarship payments on behalf of the sponsor. The payment is made in one installment on August 15. A check will be mailed to each recipient's home address and made payable to the school for the student.

EXPECTATIONS

The scholarship recipients will be invited and encouraged to attend lectures and a special Public Service and Public Policy Symposium at the Dole Institute of Politics. Recipients are required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

The sponsor reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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