

Pueblo Central High School Foundation

Scholarship Application

Academic year 2016-17

The Pueblo Central High School Foundation (Foundation) is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to deserving graduating seniors at Central High School. The Foundation recognizes that one of their principal roles is to help provide an avenue for Central graduates to further their educations beyond the hallowed halls of Central. These scholarships are designated for a single academic year following graduation and are not renewable. Scholarships may be used by a degree-seeking full-time student at any accredited two-year or four year college or university. Funds generally will be distributed according to designated funding tiers associated with a graduate's ACT scores and cumulative grade point average. The selection committee also will evaluate other specific criteria such as, but not limited to; extracurricular activities, community service, leadership qualities, extenuating circumstances, and responses to an essay prompt. The scholarship tiers include; **White** (\$1,500 award); **Silver** (\$2,000 award); and **Blue** (\$3,000 award). Multiple awards may be awarded as determined by the selection committee. Additionally, the Foundation is excited to award the **True Wildcat/Baker** scholarship (\$4,000 award) to one or more applicants who exhibit exemplary qualities that define what it is to be a "true Wildcat". The Foundation also has additional funds to award the **Comeback** award (\$500) to a graduate who has experienced undue adversity yet has persevered and seeks a chance at a brighter future by continuing their education.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The Applicant **must submit all** of the following items prior to the announced deadline date.

- A completed Foundation scholarship **application form**.
- An **official copy** of your high school **transcript** at the end of the first semester of your senior year. Early graduates should submit their most recent transcript.
- An official copy of your **ACT scores**. SAT scores should be submitted if available.
- **Three letters of recommendation** including at least one from a Central High School teacher, counselor, or administrator. Recommendation letters should not be from a currently seated Foundation Board member or family member. The letters should describe the applicant's character and citizenship.
- An **acceptance letter** from an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
- A **completed résumé** following the Scholarship Criteria (see pg. 4 of this application).
- **Student essay** of no more than 300 words discussing the following prompt.

Given your personal experiences at Central High School, describe what it truly means to be a "Wildcat" and how it has shaped you into the young adult you are today. How will your high school experiences benefit you in your future endeavors?

DEADLINE: All completed applications **must be received** by your school counselor or the Foundation Scholarship Chairperson **on or before Friday, April 7, 2017**. Please mail your

application to Pueblo Central High School Foundation, P.O. Box 3707, Pueblo, CO 81005-3707.
Address to the attention of Kelly Zerfas-Roth and Shari Krasovic.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact number: *home:* _____ *cellular:* _____

Cumulative Grade-Point Average: Unweighted: _____ Weighted: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

List all other scholarships that you have applied for or intend to apply for.

If you have already received any scholarships, please provide the names of the scholarships and the monetary value of said scholarships.

Have you applied for financial aid (circle one)? Yes /No.
Please describe financial aid package you have been awarded.

Please describe any other funds that are available for your college education.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The scholarship recipient must present the Central High School Foundation Scholarship Chairperson with verification of enrollment at the college or university where the scholarship money will be used before this scholarship may be awarded. The first half of the award will be sent to the financial aid office of the college or university the student is attending. The funds will be in the recipient's name. In order to receive the second half of the award, the student must provide the Central High School Foundation Scholarship Chairperson with an official copy of the first-term grades verifying that the student is in good standing with the college or university. If the student is not in good standing, the second half of the scholarship money will be retained in the Central High School Foundation Scholarship Fund for distribution to future applicants. A letter providing additional details of the scholarship will be given to the recipient at a later date. Please keep this letter on file for continued direction.

SCOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

<u>Tier level</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
White	GPA 2.5-2.9 or ACT 19-21	\$1,000
Silver	GPA 3.0-3.4 or ACT 22-24	\$2,000
Blue	GPA 3.5 or higher or ACT >24	\$3,000
True Wildcat/Baker	GPA 3.5 or higher or ACT >24	\$4,000
Comeback	GPA 2.5 or higher or ACT >19	\$500

SIGNATURES:

I hereby verify that I understand the terms of this scholarship, and I hereby affirm that the facts and information I have given are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the selection committee to request additional information, if needed, from the school and/or from my references.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby verify that the academic information contained in this student's application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Please remember to check ACT score, APA, Class rank, and acceptance letter.)

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA: Submit the following seven items in a **résumé** form.

1. **Academic achievement** including:
 - GPA
 - Class Rank
 - ACT and SAT test scores
2. **Community/extracurricular involvement:**
Describe your involvement with community volunteer groups or extracurricular activities you participated in outside of the classroom environment. Provide the selection committee with approximate amount of time you devoted to these volunteer activities.
3. **Leadership:**
Describe or demonstrate your experience leading groups and/or providing direction to others. Please include teaching, training, organizing, or managing activities that demonstrated that you carried additional responsibilities as the part of a group or organization.
4. **Participation** in specific activities;
Provide your level of participation in activities in your school. Include your role in all activities including, but not limited to, leadership, government, arts, music, athletics, ROTC, speech and debate, clubs, and journalism.
5. **Awards and recognition:**
Describe awards or recognition that you have received that is not typical of general Central student body.
6. **Work** history:
Describe any paid work history that you undertook while a student at Central.
7. **Personal** or family attributes or **challenges:**
Share personal or family situations, if you like, that posed a challenge to you as you attended Central.

To keep the scholarship from one semester to the next you must:

- Earn passing grades and be in good standing each semester of attendance at College/University
- Send conformation of grades and enrollment to second semester to:
