

Rita Shogren Memorial Scholarship

Rita Shogren was a former LNEA member and Sunflower Intermediate School Librarian in Liberal, KS. She was actively involved in several professional organizations and held several offices and sat on the boards of many of these organizations. These include the Kansas Reading Association, Kansas Association of School Librarians, Kansas National Education Association, Kansas State Reading Circle and parent-teacher organizations. Rita worked to ensure quality education for all students in Liberal. Sadly, Rita was tragically killed on December 10, 2014 in a car accident on her way to school. In order to honor Rita's memory, Liberal National Education Association decided to name their annual scholarship after her.

Eligibility:

The opportunity to be awarded this scholarship is available to any graduating senior enrolled in Liberal High School that plans to attend a four-year college or university to major in Education.

Applicant chosen as the recipient of this scholarship will be required to show proof of full time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) in order to receive the scholarship funds. Scholarship award recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, or sex.

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of education and/or leadership experience, strength of application, academic performance, and need.

A letter of recommendation must accompany this application. The letter of recommendation may be from a teacher, counselor, coach or employer.

Award:

The Rita Shogren Scholarship Committee will award at least one \$500 scholarship, which is for one year and is a non-renewable award. If in the opinion of the selection committee, there are no qualified applicants, funds will be retained and will be used in subsequent years.

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Directions:

- Type or write your information in black ink.
- At least one letter of recommendation must be included with the application form or the application will not be considered.
- The application must be completely filled out with all questions answered.

Name of applicant: _____

Student's Cumulative GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Please attach answers to the following questions to the application

1. List important school honors, awards, offices held, etc., beginning with grade 9 to present.
2. List important out-of-school honors, awards, offices held, community service projects, etc. beginning with grade 9 to present.
3. Write a brief statement about your desire to continue your education
4. Write a brief statement explaining your financial need for this scholarship; include any unusual circumstances.
5. Name the post-secondary school you plan to attend next year. If you are considering more than one school, please rank them—list first choice first.