



CLAREMORE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ***LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

The Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Scholarship Program is designed to offer Claremore area students and adults seeking post-secondary educational and career tech/trade school training a one-time \$500 or \$250 scholarship award to help further their educational goals.

The Chamber is pleased to be able to invest in the future quality of life for our citizens and community.

Who is eligible to apply?

- High School Seniors attending public or private schools within Rogers County, including Claremore, Verdigris, Chelsea, Oologah, Foyil, Claremore-Sequoyah, and Inola.
- Graduates of high schools or current residents within Rogers County enrolled in Oklahoma colleges and universities
- Career tech/trade school students (any age and a resident of Rogers County) who do not qualify for the 13th-year program.
- Residents of Rogers County who plan to attend a two- or four-year accredited Oklahoma college, university, or career tech/trade school during the next school year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2026

Leadership Scholarship

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained through area high school counselors, the Rogers State University admissions office, Northeast Tech, the Claremore Chamber of Commerce office, or online at Claremore.org.

- Complete the application
- Enclose/attach references
- Enclose/attach essay

HOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED

Scholarships are not based solely on academic performance, but demonstration of special talents, leadership, and/or community service. Demonstration of special talent could include placement in a state or national student organization, i.e. debate, music, FBLA, VICA, etc. Demonstration of leadership could be holding an office in a student organization, developing a project, or actual job experience. Demonstration of community service could be volunteer work in a community project through school, club, church, or employer, demonstrating the desire to continue/begin education at the same time as being employed (full or part time). Secondary criteria for selection will be financial need, overall grade point average, and career goals.

The Chamber Leadership Scholarship Committee will review all applications and determine awards. Application deadline is April 3, 2026. All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final. Applications are numbered upon receipt so that they may be reviewed anonymously. Applications are also ranked in aforementioned areas and discussion and selection are based on the top-ranking applicants. The committee retains the right to hold interviews for final selection. Scholarship money will be dispersed upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the fall semester at any accredited Oklahoma educational institution (which must be submitted by August 1, 2026, in order to receive scholarship).

- Completed application
- Educational letter of recommendation
- Employer letter of recommendation (if applicable)
- Community organization letter of recommendation
- Applicant essay



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Organizations, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, church activities, etc.:

ACTIVITY	POSITION HELD	HOURS SPENT PER WEEK	YEAR OF PARTICIPATION
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Leadership awards and honors:

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are currently or will be receiving any other type of financial assistance (e.g., athletic or academic scholarships, loans, grants, etc.), please list.

APPLICANT ESSAY

Attach a maximum 750 word printed or typewritten essay. The essay should address how the award of this scholarship would assist you with your financial need or career goals and discuss how a community leader or volunteer has inspired you.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that all the information submitted in this application is truthful, to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce; to use my name, photograph, and/or excerpts from my essay in all materials related to the Leadership Scholarship Program. I understand the scholarship will be awarded only if I attend a two or four year accredited college, university, or career tech/trade school in the **State of Oklahoma** during the next school year. I also verify my residence in Rogers County.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed application and all attachments by **April 3, 2026**, to:

Leadership Scholarship Committee

Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce | 419 W Will Rogers Blvd. | Claremore, OK 74017