



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

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APPLICATION FORM
The Leadership Scholarship Program - Claremore Chamber of Commerce

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type or print in **BLACK** ink

Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Home Address _____
NUMBER _____ STREET OR RFD _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you 17 or over? _____ yes _____ no

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Applicant Phone _____ Parent/Guardian Phone _____

Parents Place of Employment _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION Check one:

I am currently a resident of this designated zip code: 74017 74018 74019 74053 74036 74016 74031

High school senior

High school graduate who has not attended college, career tech/trade school

Career Tech / Trade School (not eligible for 13th year)

Currently enrolled in college/university

Adult- who plans on continuing education or re-training

If in high school: Name of school _____

Location of school _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Attendance _____ to _____ Graduation Date _____

Current GPA _____ /4.0 scale or _____ / _____ scale Type of School: Public _____ Private _____ Special or Magnet _____

Colleges, universities, post-secondary school(s) applied to:

If in college/career tech/ trade school: Name of college/university/post-secondary/Career Tech / Trade school(s) attended or presently attending:

Name of School _____ / _____ to _____ / _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Month/Year _____ / _____ Month/Year _____

Name of School _____ / _____ to _____ / _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Month/Year _____ / _____ Month/Year _____

Area of Study _____ Current GPA _____ /4.0 scale or _____ / _____ scale

If returning to school: Name of School _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date Returning _____ Area of Study _____

School Contact _____ Title _____ Phone (_____) _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Business _____ Position _____

Dates of Employment _____ to _____ Weekly Hours _____

Supervisor or Employer's Name _____ Phone Number _____

REFERENCES: Please attach two letters of recommendation from persons who would have knowledge of how you meet the scholarship criteria. Example: a school sponsor, employer, community organization sponsor.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

ACTIVITY	POSITION HELD	HOURS SPENT PER WEEK	YEAR OF PARTICIPATION

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