

TO: High School Guidance Counselors

FR: Nebraska Officials Foundation and Nebraska High School Officials Association

RE: Scholarship Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that the Nebraska Officials Foundation and Nebraska High School Officials Association will be awarding two \$500 scholarships this year. \$500 will come from the Bill Lewis Scholarship Fund and \$500 from the Nebraska High School Officials Association. Bill Lewis was the past NSAA Director of Officials who dedicated his time and talents to improving the quality of and respect for sports officiating throughout Nebraska.

Attached is an application form to be filled out. It can either be sent back US Mail to:

**Nebraska Officials Foundation**

**PO Box 243**

**Spencer, NE 68777**

As an alternative, the forms can be scanned and e-mailed to:

[Stadium\\_sports@hotmail.com](mailto:Stadium_sports@hotmail.com)

Please note that the deadline for this application is **February 21, 2017**. Once the recipients are selected, they will be notified and the plan is to present the award to them on Saturday of the NSAA Boys Basketball Championships. Should an applicant have any questions, please have them contact one of the people listed below. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Kelly Classen   Dennis Podjenski   Sandy Lewis  
(402)340-1045   (402) 680-7181   (402) 430-9338

## **BILL LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

All requested information must be provided. If incomplete, your application may not be considered. Please attach additional pages as needed to complete this application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Parent's Registration as Official with NSAA \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Other Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Official Parent's Home Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

High/Home School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

(Please give GPA on the 1 – 4.0 (+) scale – you must convert if your school uses a percentage scale.)

Where do you plan to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your career field? \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen this career field and why do you believe you will succeed?  
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Please tell us about your involvement in school and community activities (include officiating activities, if any).  
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Please list all additional scholarships, fellowships, grants and other financial assistance for which you have applied and the status of said applications and amount of any awards.  
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Please enclose a statement of your financial need for this scholarship and what you have learned from your parent's officiating career. Please include the first page of you and your parents' most recently filed IRS Form 1040.

Please list your siblings and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your siblings that are or will be attending college during the next four years: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of your local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Nebraska Officials Foundation or Email to: Stadium\_Sports@hotmail.com

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### **Information and Requirements**

#### **Purpose:**

The Bill Lewis Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance for the education of dependents of current and past officials registered with the Nebraska School Activities Association ("NSAA"). The recipients and their parents will be presented the scholarship award at the NSAA state boys basketball tournament.

#### **Eligibility:**

The Bill Lewis Scholarship program is open to dependents of individuals who are currently registered officials with the NSAA or have been a registered official within the prior twenty (20) years. Further, the dependent must meet the following criteria:

At the time of application, are in the final year of secondary education

Be a Nebraska resident

Must, at the time of award, be accepted to two or four college or university located in the USA

#### **Amount and Use:**

Up to two (2) scholarships in an amount of up to \$500 each will be awarded annually which can be used for tuition, fees, books, and other qualifying expenses. The scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution you attend.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients, giving consideration to the following criteria:

Financial need; citizenship; leadership, career goals; academic achievement (GPA, class ranking and ACT or SAT

scores); and extracurricular activities.

#### **Scholarship Committee:**

The Scholarship Committee members are: Dennis Podjenski, Kelly Classen, and Sandy Lewis.

#### **Submission Requirements:**

1. An original signed application, official documentation of SAT or ACT scores and a statement of financial need.

2. An original transcript of the high school(s) or learning institution(s) must be sent directly from the school(s) to Nebraska Officials Foundation

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#### **Deadline for Submission:**

Applications must be submitted by February 21 and final selections will be made and announced by March 1.

For further clarification, please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

## **BILL LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

1. Is the program open to dependents of all officials including those in states other than Nebraska?

No, the recipient must be a dependent of an official registered with the NSAA and a Nebraska resident.

2. Who is a “dependent?”

For purposes of the scholarship, a dependent is your natural child, adopted child or legal step-child.

3. If my spouse is planning on going to school, would he or she be eligible?

This benefit is for dependents of officials. We recognize everyone’s need for education. However, we realize this program could not be available to everyone without diluting the impact of those for whom it is truly intended.

4. Will special consideration be given to children with specific career goals?

We realize the dependents of officials have a wide variety of career goals and no special consideration will be given to any specific career. The scholarship program was not developed to aid any particular career path, but simply to provide assistance to dependents of officials in furthering their education.

5. What if my child will only be attending college on a part time basis or taking remote learning courses?

The program does not apply to part-time students or remote learning courses. Your child must attend an accredited college or university campus full-time.

6. What if the college costs are less than the scholarship amount?

It is unlikely this will occur. If it does, only an amount up to the actual eligible college costs will be paid.

7. Will special consideration be given to students from “needy” families?

A statement of financial need is required as part of the application. However, as outlined in the application, financial need is only one of the selection criteria for the scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will consider all items submitted and no single selection criterion is determinative.

8. What is meant by “statement of financial need”?

The applicant must submit a written statement regarding why he or she needs financial assistance to attend college, including the amount of support, if any, that is available from other funding sources.

9. Can more than one child from a family apply for and receive scholarships at the same time?

Yes.

10. If a student, once being selected for the scholarship, chooses to wait a year or more before attending school, will the scholarship still be theirs or will the student need to reapply?

The student will need to reapply and must meet the eligibility requirements at the time of re-application.

11. Does the student have to apply before they start their first year, or may they apply any time during their educational career?

The student must apply during their final year of secondary education.

12. What additional information is needed with the application?

An original transcript from the applicant’s high school(s) or other learning institution(s) must be sent directly to [address]. Official ACT or SAT scores and a statement of financial need must be included with the application.

13. What costs can the scholarship go towards?

Tuition, fees, books and other eligible expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

14. Does the student have to live on campus?

No, the student simply has to be a full-time student, attending a college or university anywhere in the United States for on-campus courses.

15. How many scholarships will be awarded each year?

The Bill Lewis Scholarship Fund is an endowed scholarship designed to offer up to two (2) scholarships in an amount of up to \$500 each year. However, the Scholarship Committee may award scholarships of lesser amounts and may award more than two scholarships if funds are available