**Family Readiness Group - 1st BN 161st FA Scholarship Guidelines**

Scholarship

$1,000 (renewable for three additional years if the recipient submits grade reports at the end of each academic year and maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above)

Eligibility

Applicants must:

* Be a child, grandchild, or descendant of a current or retired member or someone who has served at least one year as a member of the 1st BN 161 FA (referred to as Guard Sponsor on the application)
* Have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5
* Have volunteer service (military or community) or work experience
* Have plans to attend an accredited post-secondary education program, not limited to a college or university

To Apply

* Complete the application form below and submit it along with:
	+ One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, Girl or Boy Scout leader, 4H leader, or church leader.
	+ An essay (up to 500 words) on ONE of the following topics:
		- What Freedom Means to Me
		- Why Free Speech is Important
		- The Importance of Having a National Guard
		- Why We need the Constitution and Bill of Rights
		- The Importance of the Second Amendment
		- The Importance of Having a Secure Border

Mail to:

Hutchinson Community Foundation

PO Box 298

Hutchinson, KS 67504-0298

Attn: Sarah Blake OR

Hand-deliver to:

Hutchinson Community Foundation

First National Center – 1 N. Main

Hutchinson, KS 67501

5th Floor – Suite 501

Deadline:

**Noon on Friday, March 28, 2025**

Questions:

Contact Sarah Blake at 663-5293 or Sarah@HutchCF.org

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**Application Form**

This is a fillable form. Place your cursor in the grey boxes and use the tab key to move to the next field. **Submit this form along with your essay and letter of reference** as noted in the scholarship guidelines**.** Application materials are due by noon on **Friday,** **March 28, 2025,** at Hutchinson Community Foundation. (See address in the guidelines above.)

Your Name:

Full Address:

Phone Number:

High School:       Cumulative GPA:

Career or education focus:

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s):

Name of Guard Sponsor:

Sponsor’s full address:

Sponsor’s phone number:

Sponsor’s email address:

List High School Extracurricular Activities:

List Volunteer activities (Military, community, church - not based at school):

Are you employed?

If yes, please share where, how many hours/week and assigned duties?

List any specific financial considerations you wish to share with the selection committee.