

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: Jan Steen

OR

Hand-deliver to:

Hutchinson Community Foundation

First National Center – 1 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501

5th Floor – Suite 501

If our office is closed, use the locked drop box.

Deadline:

Noon on Friday, March 27, 2026

Questions: Contact Jan Steen at 620-663-5293 or

Jan@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 27, 2026**, 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.