

Rotary Club of Bixby Nik Hanig Memorial Scholarship

Based on Volunteerism, Extra Curricular Activities, Financial Need, and Leadership.

Eligibility

The Nik Hanig Memorial Scholarship is a non-renewable scholarship offered to graduating High School Seniors in the Bixby/Tulsa metro area (30 miles) who will be entering college in the fall semester, following their High School graduation.

The applicant's parent or grandparent must be an active member, in good standing, of the Rotary Club of Bixby.

Amount

The recipient will receive \$2,000 (divided \$1,000 per semester). The award must be applied to tuition, books, and fees.

Criteria

- 1) Preference given to students who plan to attend a two-year community/junior college or a technical school.
- 2) No particular emphasis will be given to Grade Point Average, ACT/SAT scores, or Class Rank.
- 3) Has demonstrated good character by participation in school activities (sports, band, cheer, leadership, clubs, etc.) and/or community activities (fundraisers, scouts, theatre, etc) and/or community service (church work, hospital, volunteer, etc.)
- 4) Indicate financial need; probably not going to receive another scholarship based upon sports, grades and/or ACT. Indicate the number of siblings at home & parent's financial ability to contribute to your college education.
- 5) Provide two letters of recommendation from someone who can describe your demonstrated character.
- 6) Write a short essay on why winning this scholarship is important to you.
- 7) Provide an official High School Transcript.
- 8) Extra consideration given to students who demonstrate Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" in their activities and day-to-day life.
- 9) Applicant anticipates to be accepted and enrolled full-time in an accredited school this fall.

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Compliance

- 1) Maintain full-time enrollment status.
- 2) Maintain high moral standards.
- 3) Provide proof of registration for fall and spring semesters and provide copies of receipts for tuition, books, and fees to receive the scholarship money.
- 4) If you qualify for the TCC Achieves or the OHLAP, the Rotary award can be deferred and held in your name for up to three years. If unused after that time, the balance of awarded funds will be forfeited.

Background of the Scholarship

Nik Hanig was one of four children of Harry and Carolyn Hanig who attended Broken Arrow schools. Nik was an average student but excelled in extra curricular activities – wrestling, football, weight lifting, and fishing. Nik’s sense of humor and true-to-self style attracted many friends. He and another student were killed in a car accident returning from fishing at Grand Lake. He was 17.

Through the effort of his mother and numerous supporters, the Buckle Up For Nik campaign began. Nik was a back seat passenger and not wearing a seat belt, which was not a primary law in Oklahoma at the time. Carolyn spoke to the Oklahoma Governor and met with both the Oklahoma Senate and House. The primary seat belt law was passed that same year.

The Buckle Up For Nik campaign grew state by state by Carolyn traveling the nation to speak to both schools and companies about highway traffic safety. Seat belt laws were being written and passed nationwide. Carolyn and the family made national appearances on NBC Nightly News and the Today Show (twice), plus features in Newsweek, Family Circle, and other publications. Carolyn spoke at countless high schools sharing Nik’s story and encouraged students to wear seat belts for safety reasons, even if it was not the law in their state.

One person does make a difference!

Harry Hanig is a member of the Bixby Rotary Club.

Application Form

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You may create your own form using this format.

Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Gender: _____ Are you a United States Citizen: _____

Mothers Name: _____ Fathers Name: _____

Step-parents or Guardian, if applicable: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Primary Parent contact name: _____ Phone #: _____

Education

High School now attending: _____ # Years attended: _____

Location: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Do you qualify for tuition waiver via Tulsa Community College Achieves program? Yes / No

Do you qualify for the OK Higher Learning Access program (OHLAP)? Yes / No

Possible College or Trade School choices, locations, and annual cost of tuition, books, and fees.

1) _____

2) _____

Indicate your possible Major or Skill Trade and your Career Goals: _____

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Community Service

List any volunteer work, community service and church work you performed without pay, over the past three years, starting with most recent.

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Dates of Participation</u>	<u>Type of work</u>	<u>Total hours</u>

Employment

List the jobs you have held over the last three years, starting with the most recent. Show all, even if not paid, such as babysitting, family farm or business, etc.

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Average hrs. /wk</u>

Extra Curricular and Leadership Activities

List your extra curricular activities and leadership roles, starting with the most recent.

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Years</u> 9 10 11 12	<u>Hours/wk.</u>	<u>Leadership Role</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Ex.: Football	x x x x	15		
Student Council	x x	2	Representative	fundraiser for homeless shelter

Awards and Honors

Include scholastic, extracurricular, community service and civic honors or awards over the past four years. State the nature of the award and grade when achieved. Eg., Girl Scouts Gold Award, 12.

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| 1) _____ | 4) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 6) _____ |

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Applicant Essay

Please write two or three paragraphs on why winning the Nik Hanig Memorial Scholarship is important to you. Sign, date, and attach your essay to the application.

Financial Need

Write a brief statement. List the number of siblings at home. Indicate how you plan on paying for you education, your parent's ability to contribute, and other scholarships or financial aid you expect to receive, if any. Attach your written statement to the application.

Character References

Provide two letters of character. One reference must be supplied by a teacher or counselor. The other must be from a coach, clergy, employer, etc. Please have them provide you a letter of reference/recommendation describing your character. References cannot be from a family member. Attach the references to the application.

High School Transcript

Attach an original, official transcript from all High Schools attended.

Submission Deadline

The complete application, including all attachments, must be received by May 15.

Mail to: Scholarship Committee
Harry Hanig
8516 E. 101st Street, Suite H
Tulsa, OK 74133

Questions? Harry (918) 369-5900 or harry@benex.org

Signature Statement

I hereby affirm the statements and information I provided are true and correct. Attach to App.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature

Date

Tax Exemption

Bixby Rotary Club Foundation, Inc., is exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the organization are tax deductible.