



Pete and Betty Smoot Memorial Scholarship Criteria

This fund was established in memory of Pete & Betty Smoot. Pete proudly worked for the Blue Springs School District for over 20 years. He and his wife Betty were long-time residents of Blue Springs and both of their children graduated from Blue Springs High School. Mr. and Mrs. Smoot understood the importance of higher education. Their hard work and sacrifice provided their children the opportunity to explore both personal and career interests in college, and both children graduated from state universities in Missouri. This same hard work and sacrifice has provided the funds to establish a scholarship that will provide other young adults in the Blue Springs community the opportunity to pursue their dreams through higher education.

The Pete & Betty Smoot Memorial Scholarship will assist a senior graduating from the Blue Springs School District planning to attend an accredited two-year or four-year College or university or a vocational or technical school in Missouri with a \$1,500 non-renewable scholarship. Students will be honored and receive recognition at the **Blue Springs Education Foundation Reception in April.**

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Attending an accredited 2 or 4 year or tech/trade school in Missouri
- ❖ GPA of 2.8 or higher
- ❖ Financial need
- ❖ Attend one of the high schools in the Blue Springs School District

Along with the application, a short essay should be attached, addressing **ONE** of the questions below.

1. What are you most looking forward to, and what are you most dreading, about starting your college experience? Please explain.
2. Since 2004 Oxford Dictionary has named a word of the year. The Word of the Year is one that is "judged to reflect the ethos, mood, or preoccupations of that particular year and to have lasting potential as a word of cultural significance." Looking back over your senior year, what is your word of the year? Looking forward to your freshman year, what word do you hope is a reflection of your first year of college? Explain your choices.
3. When the choice is yours, what do you read, listen to, and watch? Why?



Pete and Betty Smoot Memorial Scholarship Application Information

Check appropriate High School:

BSHS

BSSHs

VVHS

School you are planning to attend (College, Junior college, Vocational or Technical School):

Cumulative GPA:

Field of Study:

Future Ambition:

Describe personal, financial, or family circumstances that make it necessary for you to seek post-secondary financial aid:

Completed applications for the scholarship need to be submitted to your high school counseling center by the **last Friday in February**.