
Scholarship Application Info for School Year 2010-2011

The St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship honors the late W. Neal Kocurek, longtime CEO of St. David's Foundation. Kocurek's leadership played a key role in shaping the direction of Central Texas in many areas, including health care, education, social equity, transportation, and regional stewardship. His vision for St. David's strengthened health services for future generations. A natural mentor, Kocurek was an advisor to many Austin school superintendents and educators. The St. David's Scholarship Program seeks students that embody Neal Kocurek's leadership and commitment to community.

Scholarship awards vary by type of school. For four year universities, students receive \$6,000 per year for undergraduate study. Recipients may qualify for two year post-graduate scholarships, which are \$4,000 for part-time and \$6,000 for full-time studies. For two year colleges, undergraduate students receive \$2,000 per year and may qualify for \$2,000 per year for graduate studies.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants pursuing a health care profession including, but not limited to*:

- Biomedical Engineer
- Occupational or Physical Therapy
- Pre-med
- Clinical Laboratory Technology
- Optometry
- Radiation Oncology
- Dental Assistant
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Healthcare Administration
- Physician's Assistant
- Nursing
- Pre-dental

* St. David's Foundation will accept applications from students pursuing a degree in psychology or social work ONLY if the student plans to work in a medical environment (i.e., hospital, clinic, etc.). Consideration will not be given to students pursuing a health care degree unrelated to humans.

Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate financial need to pursue higher education.

Eligibility Info and How to Apply:

Attached is the application to apply for St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarships for the **2010-2011** college school year. Eligibility requirements are:

1. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating in 2010 within Travis, Hays or Williamson counties.
2. Applicants have been accepted at an accredited college or university in Texas to pursue a degree in a health care related discipline.
3. Applicants must attend a college or university as a full-time student (12+ units/semester).
4. Finalists must be able to attend an in-person interview the week of **May 10, 2010**.
5. Applicants must be a United States Citizen or a legal non-citizen resident.
6. Applicants must pass a background check. There can be no conviction for violating any federal or state laws for alcohol or drugs.

Application Requirements

All requirements listed below must be complete before submitting the application. If the application is incomplete or if the information is not received in the format requested, the application will be denied. If all the required accompanying materials (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation) are not submitted by the deadline of **March 12, 2010**, the application will be denied. No exceptions.

Applications must contain the following:

1. A fully completed application form.
2. A one-page essay as described in section 7 of the application.

3. Three original letters of recommendation:

- Two recommendations **must** come from current teachers, counselors or school administrators on official school letterhead with signature and title.
- One recommendation **must** come from a non-family community member (such as employer, minister, coach, etc.). This recommendation does not have to be on official letterhead.

All reference letters must be received sealed with the signature of the person providing the reference written across the sealed flap of the envelope. All reference letters must be submitted by the application deadline or the application will be considered incomplete. Be sure to let the person writing your letter know the deadline is March 12, 2010.

4. Official scholastic transcript(s), high school or college, including the fall semester or quarter of 2009 and current enrollment verification (both documents **must** be submitted).
5. Official copy of SAT scores **must** be submitted. Failure to submit these documents will result in an incomplete application.
6. A copy of the first page of the 2009 Federal Income Tax Return for any person(s) (including yourself) contributing to your education.
7. Copy of proof of United States Citizenship (birth certificate, if born in the U.S., passport or U.S. citizenship papers, if applicable) or legal non-citizen resident status.
8. A recent photograph.

Scholarship Timeline for 2010-2011

March 12, 2010 Applications due. Application, essay, photo, transcript(s), SAT scores, one copy each of the first page of the 2009 Federal Income Tax Return for any person(s) contributing to your education, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency are due in the Foundation office by 4:00 PM. **Applications will not be considered unless all documents are in the Foundation office no later than March 12, 2010 at 4:00 PM. No applications will be accepted past this time, regardless of post mark date.**

Week of

May 10, 2010 Interviews will be held during this time. Finalists will receive advance notice of the interview schedule.

May 17, 2010 Scholarship recipients will be notified.

Application Procedure

It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the following items are received in the Foundation office **no later than March 12, 2010 at 4:00 PM, regardless of post mark date. Applicants not meeting this deadline will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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| ✓ Completed application form | ✓ Tax form(s) | ✓ Essay | ✓ Three letters of recommendation |
| ✓ Photograph | ✓ SAT scores | ✓ Transcripts | ✓ Copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency |

Award Info

Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will be notified by May 17, 2010. A scholarship recipient may be awarded a scholarship for up to four years. Recipients may also qualify for two year post-graduate scholarships. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of each college or university. It is the recipient's responsibility to request that the Registrar or Financial Aid Office send verification of enrollment as a full-time student in a health professional program for the fall semester or quarter to the Foundation before funds are sent. If verification of enrollment is not sent to the Foundation before classes begin, no payment will be sent to the school. Once tuition and fees are paid, students may use remaining funds for other college expenses, such as housing, books, medical supplies, etc.

Application Delivery

Please mail or deliver applications to:

**St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship Committee
St. David's Foundation
811 Barton Springs Road, Suite 600
Austin, Texas 78704**

Emailed or faxed applications not accepted.

Questions

For questions, please contact:

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