



THOMAS P. STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP

DESCRIPTION:

The Thomas P. Stafford Scholarship is offered to graduating seniors from Weatherford and surrounding area schools, as well as students enrolled full-time at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

This scholarship will be awarded each semester for four years based on a yearly evaluation of each scholarship recipient. Each student must pass the evaluation to receive the scholarship each year. First year recipients will receive \$750 per semester and the amount will increase by \$150 each year thereafter. By the fourth year, a student in good standing will receive \$1,200 per semester.

Scholarship recipients, also known as Stafford Scholars, will be required to work part-time year around at the Stafford Air and Space Museum. Stafford Scholars will be classified as student workers through Southwestern Oklahoma State University and receive a monthly paycheck through SWOSU. Stafford Scholars will have the opportunity to work up to 20 hours each week (\$10.25/hour) while school is in session and up to 40 hours a week when school is out of session. Each Stafford Scholar will be required to work a minimum of 15-20 hours each week to stay in good standing for the scholarship. Stafford Scholars who are graduating high school seniors will be selected each May and begin work at the museum the summer after graduation.

GUIDELINES:

- Students will be chosen from a 100-mile radius of the Weatherford area
- The awarded scholarship can only be applied towards books, fees, and tuition costs
 - This scholarship cannot be used towards room and board
- Applicants must include:
 - Essay on why you feel you need financial assistance
 - Resume with current or previous work experience
 - Application



Stafford Scholar Program

Scholarship Application

Name _____
(last) (maiden) (first) (middle)

Address _____
(street) (city, state, zip code) (phone)

High School attended _____ Year graduated _____

Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____
(xx--xx--xxxx) (single, married, divorced, widow)

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Military _____ No _____ Yes _____
If "yes" year or years of service _____

SWOSU ID Number _____ Email (most used) _____

Classification as of Date of Application: Freshman (12-31) _____ Sophomore (32-63 hours) _____ Junior (64-95 hours) _____ Senior (96+ hours) _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Hours Completed _____ Major Hours Completed _____ Minor Hours Completed _____

Have you accepted Oklahoma's Promise, Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, also known as OHLAP? _____ No _____ Yes _____

Do you plan to live on campus? _____ No _____ Yes _____
If "yes" name of residential life housing hall _____

If you are selected, are you willing to be a part-time student employee & work year-round? _____ No _____ Yes _____

What profession or occupation do you plan to follow upon graduation? _____

Do you have plans to work during college? _____ No _____ Yes If "yes" how many hours/week _____

Please list **current** financial aid, grants and scholarships you will receive for your college education.

Please describe any circumstances that are presently causing you financial hardship.

Please describe your most significant participation in leadership roles and activities.

Please describe your honors received in college.

****REQUIRED****

Using a separate sheet of paper (1 page), please explain any academic and/or professional goals you have established for yourself and your efforts to accomplish these goals.

Using a separate sheet of paper (1 page), please describe the most significant academic or personal challenge you have faced. Discuss the steps you have taken to address this challenge and what you have learned about yourself during the process.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. If any part of this application is not completed, it will NOT be reviewed for award consideration.
2. **Applicants must submit a current Class Schedule and resume.**
3. Scholarships awarded maybe divided equally for two (2) semesters, provided grade requirements are maintained.
4. Students must be enrolled in and complete a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours.
5. Applicants will be notified by phone or email concerning their scholarship status, prior to the end of the spring semester.
6. All Foundation scholarship recipients must sign a scholarship acceptance form and provide a "Thank You" letter to the donor. If the scholarship applicant does not meet all of the requirements the applicant forfeits the award.
7. The information on this scholarship application may be provided to the donor of the scholarship funds.
8. Questions? Please call 580-772-5871

Submit applications & resume to:

**Stafford Air and Space Museum
Colton Parkinson, 3000 Logan Rd., Weatherford, OK 73096**