

We are pleased to announce our annual scholarship program. Each year, Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 awards well over \$45,000 in scholarship funds to deserving students from local area high schools. We look forward to receiving the applications from your students and reading about their accomplishments. The competition for these scholarships is always keen, and we take great satisfaction in knowing that we have helped some very deserving students pay for their higher education.

Please direct your seniors to our website for all the information and application forms they will need to apply for our local scholarships. I'd like to draw your attention to the third page of the General Scholarship Application, which is new this year. It provides a framework for the reporting of a student's work, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service experience. A student is also welcome to attach a résumé or other document expanding upon these activities. Please note, all applications for these scholarships must be received at the Lodge no later than January 31, 2018. Applications may be mailed or dropped off in the entryway from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Our Lodge is located in the Lincoln Trade Center just behind Raisin' Cane's restaurant near 56th and Old Cheney. We cannot accept late applications. More information and applications may be found at:

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Scholarships

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks also offer other scholarship opportunities. The Elks National Foundation offers the highly coveted Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarships. These range in value from \$4,000 to \$50,000. Elks Scholars are afforded wonderful opportunities for travel and service. Lincoln Lodge #80 will select the top three boys and the top three girls from our area to be forwarded to the national competition, but we will also award these six finishers scholarships from our lodge. <u>The deadline for MVS applications is November 27, 2017.</u> These applications are submitted online only. The application and information may be found at:

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships

The Nebraska Elks Association also awards scholarships. Please draw your golf coach's attention to the golf scholarship the state association offers. There are several other scholarships available. There are several deadlines for the various scholarship, the earliest being January 1, 2018. More information, applications, and directions for submission may be found at:

Nebraska Elks Association Scholarships

We will recognize all winners of our Lodge 80 scholarships and local winners of state and national competitions at our annual Youth Week Recognition Night on the first Monday of May. Thanks so much for your help in getting the word out to your seniors. If you, or they, have questions, please feel free to email them to <u>elkslodge80scholarship@gmail.com</u>, and I will respond promptly.

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