

Heather Spears Memorial Scholarship Guidelines

Presented in memory of Heather Spears, who was born and raised in Fayetteville; attending Root Elementary, Woodland Junior High, and Fayetteville High School. She was known for her beautiful spirit, fun-loving nature and being all-around great student.

Heather was active in youth sports, playing softball, basketball and soccer. She was on the WJH Cheer squad and the All Star Dance team. She was also a member of the Dance Team and was fortunate enough to win All Star honors at camp.

Heather also excelled in the classroom. She was on the honor roll and active in service learning. She loved helping people and especially taking care of children.

Heather had many family and friends who loved her and still love her.

Objectives

Heather Spears Memorial Scholarship intended for students currently enrolled at Fayetteville High School who plan to attend the University of Arkansas or an institute of Higher Education.

Eligible Applicants

The eligibility guidelines for the scholarship may be determined by the selection committee, and may include criteria such as:

- Deserving Fayetteville High School student
- Academic excellence
- Financial need
- Demonstrated community involvement, student leadership, job and work experience.
- Plans to attend the University of Arkansas or an institute of Higher Education

Available Funds

- The Foundation may or may not award a scholarship in any given year
- Funding may range from \$300 or up to \$6000
- Heather Spears Memorial Scholarship may award multiple recipients
- Scholarship funds may be used to pay for student educational costs, including tuition, fees, books

Important Dates

- Scholarships Release/Open: January 1
- Scholarship Deadline: February 15
- Award Announcement: On or before April 1

Submitting Your Application

- **Login and edits:** Log in and create an account to begin your application. Once you access the application, changes and edits can be made. To unlock your application and make changes, log in and click the EDIT button (top right of screen) and you make revisions or additions. Click the SAVE button to save updates.
- **Before your application will be considered, you must include the following documents:**
 - **Most current High School Transcript** (does not have to be your official transcript)
 - **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - **Letters of recommendation:** In the application you will be asked to provide the correct contact information, including a valid email, for your teacher(s) providing your letter(s) of recommendation.
 - Once this is completed, you will submit the form. You will see a pop-up confirmation that the recommendation form has been submitted. You will also get a pop-up asking if you are ready to

submit your entire application or save changes. If your application is incomplete, simply click SAVE MY WORK.

- An email will be sent to your contact/teacher. They will complete an online form which is your letter of recommendation.
 - You will not be able to submit your scholarship application until the letter(s) of recommendation are filled out by the teacher. You may continue working on your application while waiting for the letter of recommendation to be submitted.
 - Once the contact/teacher has submitted your letter of recommendation to the Foundation, your application will move from PENDING to RECEIVED and you can submit your application when ready.
- **Submission:** When complete, YOU MUST click SUBMIT on the last page. You will get a notification that your application is complete. Applications needing more attention will receive an email or text notifying of an incomplete application.

The application includes the following questions:

1. Education Data

- Grade Point Average, ACT Score and/or SAT Score, transcript

2. Activities and Service

- Awards or activities associated with Creative Writing, list of school clubs or organization involvement, extra-curricular/ out of school activities/organizations, and job/ work experience

3. College Expenses

- Tuition, room and board, books and other expenses

4. Financial Information

- Additional resources available, list of other scholarships applied, Federal/State agency grants or loans, and siblings/ parents who are attending college

5. Future Plans

- Brief description of plans following graduation from high school

6. Personal Narrative

- Tell us about something or someone who has profoundly affected your life so far

Review Process:

A committee from the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation Board of Directors reviews and awards scholarships based on the Policies and Procedures of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation.

- Applications are vetted for compliance.
- Applications are ranked by a point system; those with the highest scores will be reviewed for funding.
- Awarded applicants are notified by email and mail.

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