

Foundation For Springfield Public Schools

Ronald A. Neville Endowed Scholarship for Central High School *Guidelines*

1. **Name:** Ronald A. Neville Endowed Scholarship
2. **Established:** May 1998
3. **Amount:** The scholarship shall provide \$1,000 per year and is not renewable.
4. **Purpose:** To assist and motivate students with demonstrated financial need and limited resources to continue their education at a college, university, technical or trade school. Students enrolling in a technical or trade school are encouraged to apply and may be given preference based on their circumstances.
5. **Criteria:**
 - A. Applicant must be a graduating senior from Central High School.
 - B. Applicant must have demonstrated financial need and limited resources to continue with their education. Preference may be given to students living independently.
 - C. Applicant must be enrolling in a college, university, technical or trade school.
 - D. Students must live within the Central High School attendance area.
 - E. Dependents of faculty or administrative staff of the Springfield Public School District or the Springfield Public Schools Foundation are not eligible.
 - F. Academic performance and/or class rank is **not** a criterion, however, the applicant must have demonstrated recent, consistent academic progress and a willingness to learn. **Student must attach a high school transcript.**

6. Procedure:

- A. Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior at Central High School. If there is no suitable applicant for a particular academic year, the scholarship will not be awarded that year only and will be awarded the following year based on the same criteria and procedure.
- B. Student must complete the Ronald A. Neville Endowed Scholarship Application, obtain three letters of recommendation, including one from a high school teacher and principal or counselor and type at least a one-page essay about future goals.
- C. A selection committee composed of at least one teacher from the Springfield R-12 Public School District and a representative of the Foundation for Springfield Public School will review all applications, select five finalists, and out of the finalists, select the proposed recipient. The proposed recipient's application will then be mailed to the donor or his designee for his approval. If fewer than five applications are received, the same procedure will be used. A personal interview may be required. (Revised April 2009)
- D. The recipient must provide the Springfield Public Schools Foundation with proof of enrollment, and a check will be sent to that institution.
- E. Questions regarding the Ronald A. Neville Endowed Scholarship should be directed to:

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