## Vicki Baker Scholarship

#### *For Students of North Kansas City Schools*

#### 2016 Fact Sheet

The Vicki Baker Scholarship was established to provide college scholarship funds to financially disadvantaged students, who have overcome adversity and are graduating from one of the district’s high schools.

# Scholarship Criteria

* A high school senior, progressing toward graduation and planning to enter college no later than the fall semester following graduation
* A strong commitment to pursue a bachelor’s degree at an accredited institution (Students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution.)
* Demonstration of ability and effort to overcome adversity
* Evidence of involvement in co-curricular and community activities
* Academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0)
* Critical financial need

# Scholarship Selection Process

* Each high school will solicit applications and screen the applications to select three finalists.
* Forward applications to a three-person committee established by the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation. The selection committee will be comprised of the Chief Communications & Community Affairs Officer of North Kansas City Schools, the Chairperson of the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation, and Vicki Baker, or their designees.
* The committee will review the finalists’ applications submitted by each high school and determine the scholarship recipients.

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# Scholarship Timeline

* January 2016 - Applications will be available in district high schools and on-line at <http://www.nkcschools.org/foundation-scholarships>.
* February 19, 2016 - Applications must be postmarked or delivered and received in the Counseling Offices.
* March 11, 2016 - After review at the schools, the applications of three finalists from each high school will be forwarded to the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation, c/o Vicki Baker Scholarship.
* April 2016 - Vicki Baker Scholarship recipients are announced.

# Distribution of Scholarship Funds

**North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation will disperse the Vicki Baker Scholarship funds each June as directed by the Foundation Board of Directors. Checks will be made payable to the designated institution of higher education with instructions to credit the scholarship recipient’s account. Each scholarship for the Class of 2016 will be awarded for a minimum amount of $1,000 and up to $2,500.**

**\*\*\*Scholarship recipients will furnish the district with the following:**

* College/university student identification number and a copy of the letter of acceptance.
* Senior photo and high school biography to be used in the Vicki Baker Scholarship Brochure.

*North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for the Vicki Baker Scholarship fund.*

Vicki Baker Scholarship

2016 Application

This application is intended to provide us with an understanding of your experience and eligibility for our scholarship program. The more information provided to us, the greater our ability to understand your qualifications. **All information submitted in this application will remain confidential through the selection process. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be asked to submit biographical information that you are willing to share, as it will be published in the scholarship brochure.**

**Graduating from: 🞎 NKCHS 🞎 OPHS 🞎 SHS 🞎 WHS Graduating Class of 2016**

**SECTION 1: Biographical Information *(Please print or type application for legibility.)***

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

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District Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) Applicant’s Telephone Number

Address County

City State Zip Code Personal Email Address

**Please indicate gender: 🞎** Female 🞎 Male

**SECTION 2: Academic & High School Information**

The following questions pertain to your academic background. Your transcripts will be checked to ensure the accuracy of all information submitted. To determine your class rank percentage, divide your current ranking by the number of students in your class. Example: a student ranked 18th out of 100 students (18/100 = 18%) would select Top 20% as his or her ranking. Estimate if necessary.

 *% Ranking in class:*

**Grade Point Average:** 🞎 Top 5% 🞎 Top 10% 🞎 Top 20% 🞎 Top 50% 🞎 Below 50%

**ACT Score** (if taken): **SAT Score** (if taken):

**Guidance Counselor:**

First & Last Name: Counselor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**School Personnel Assisting with Application Process:**

First & Last Name: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **SECTION 3: Activities, Work and Leadership History**

List your principle activities and interests, both in and out of school, in the order of importance to you.

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| Activity | **9** | **10** | **11** |  **12** | **Hours per week** | **Weeks per year** | **Leadership position held** |
| **Example: Habitat for Humanity** |  | **√** | **√** |  | **7** | **12** | Vice President |
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**List significant awards and honors you have received in both academic and extracurricular areas.**

**(50 words or less)**

**Indicate the average number of hours of paid employment you work per week:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4: Financial Information**

The financial information below is reviewed to determine financial need. Please refer to your tax returns, FAFSA reports, and financial aid calculators to determine the information request below.

**Are you a dependent of your parent/guardian?** 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

If you are a dependent, the first two answers are based on your parent/guardian's income. If you are independent, wards of the state, or in foster care, the first two answers are based on your income alone. The third answer is your annual income.

**Gross Annual Income: $**

**Adjusted Gross Annual Income: $**

**Student Annual Income: $**

**Are you eligible for free or reduced meal programs at your school?**  🞎 Yes 🞎 No

**Are you currently receiving any state or federal assistance?**  🞎 Yes 🞎 No

**If yes, please list aid programs:**

**Total number of people dependent on this annual income, including applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Resources:**

The following questions will provide the Vicki Baker Scholarship selection committee with information regarding your financial need and the financial aid you may be provided by colleges.

Expected Student Contribution, Expected Parents' Contribution and Expected Family Contribution. \*Use numbers only.

**Estimated Student Contribution: $**

**Estimated Parents' Contribution: $**

**Scholarships and Grants: $**

**Other Resources (do not include loans): $**

**College or University: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Financing Your Education:**

Please explain how you plan to finance your college education. (50 words or less)

**Please check all that apply, and explain in your essay.**

Have you personally ever experienced a serious illness/traumatic accident? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Has a close family member ever experienced a serious illness/traumatic accident? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Do you live in a household where a parent/guardian has abused alcohol or drugs? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Have you experienced the death of a parent/guardian? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Do you have a physical/mental disability? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Are you or have you been in foster care or a ward of the state? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Have you suffered from physical/mental abuse? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Have you ever been homeless? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

Have you ever been discriminated against due to race, color, gender, creed, etc.? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

### Essays

Please provide the following information so that we may learn more about you.

**Personal Description of Your Adversity (500 words or less):** Briefly explain the adversities (as listed in the section above) or any financial hardships that you currently face or have faced that have impacted your ability to achieve your maximum potential in high school. Explain what you have done to overcome these obstacles to pursue your education.

(You may use the back of this page or attach your essay.)

**Personal Statement (300 words or less):** Please describe in your own words:

* What character traits you possess that have helped you to overcome personal adversity,
* Your degree of commitment to pursue a college education, and
* How you anticipate making a contribution to society.

(You may use the back of this page or attach your essay.)

**SECTION 5: Certifications**

**Parent/Guardian Certification**

I certify that the information provided by the applicant is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Certification**

In submitting these materials, I certify that all of the information submitted in support of my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of any information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Vicki Baker Scholarship Fund, and North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation. **All information submitted will remain confidential through the selection process.** If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be asked to submit biographical information that you are willing to share, as it will be published in the scholarship brochure.

I agree that, with the date of initial selection, I will be expected to exhibit personal qualities that reflect the high standards established by North Kansas City Schools. If it is determined that I have acted in a manner inconsistent with these high standards, I shall immediately forfeit the full amount, or any remaining portion, of the scholarship. Conduct that violates school district standards includes, but is not limited to, the following: declining academic performance; use of or possession of alcohol (as a minor) or illegal narcotics; actions that violate federal, state or local statutes; or actions that reflect poorly on or may damage the name or goodwill of North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation or North Kansas City Schools. ***By submitting this application, I am applying for the Vicki Baker Scholarship with the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation.***

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Certification** *(Must be a school principal)*

I certify that the information provided by the applicant is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This student is in good standing with the school.

 Is the applicant a candidate for: A+ \_\_\_\_\_\_ IB Diploma\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Medallion Diploma\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many Dual college credit/AP courses will the applicant have completed by graduation?

Is the applicant eligible for free/reduced meal programs?

Is the applicant in good standing as a senior?

Principal’s Signature Principal’s Printed Name

Principal’s Telephone Number Date

**Completed Application:** *The following materials are required for your application to be complete*:

🞎 Student Application

🞎 One Letter of Recommendation Required, Two Allowed

🞎 Official Transcript

Please submit all materials in one envelope to your high school counselor.

***Applications must be postmarked or delivered and received in the Counseling Office by February 19, 2016.***

**After review at your school, the applications of three finalists will be forwarded by March 11, 2016, to the:**

**Jan Lewis**

**North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation**

**2000 N.E. 46th Street**

**Kansas City, Missouri 64116**

**Announcement of the Vicki Baker Scholarship recipients is expected during April 2016.**