

Scholarship Application Info for School Year 2012-2013

The St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship honors the late W. Neal Kocurek, longtime CEO of St. David's Foundation. Kocurek's leadership played a key role in shaping the direction of Central Texas in many areas, including health care, education, social equity, transportation, and regional stewardship. His vision for St. David's strengthened health services for future generations. A natural mentor, Kocurek was an advisor to many Austin school superintendents and educators. The St. David's Scholarship Program seeks students that embody Neal Kocurek's leadership and commitment to community.

Scholarship awards vary by type of school. For four year universities, students receive \$6,000 per year for undergraduate study. Recipients may qualify for two year post-graduate scholarships, which are \$4,000 for part-time and \$6,000 for full-time studies. For two year colleges, undergraduate students receive \$2,000 per year and may qualify for \$2,000 per year for graduate studies.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants pursuing a health care profession including, but not limited to*:

- Biomedical Engineer
- Occupational or Physical Therapy
- Pre-med
- Clinical Laboratory Technology
- Optometry
- Radiation Oncology
- Dental Assistant
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Healthcare Administration
- Physician's Assistant
- Nursing
- Pre-dental

* St. David's Foundation will accept applications from students pursuing a degree in psychology or social work ONLY if the student plans to work in a medical environment (i.e., hospital, clinic, etc.). Consideration will not be given to students pursuing a health care degree unrelated to humans.

Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate financial need to pursue higher education.

Eligibility Info and How to Apply:

Attached is a sample application for St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarships for the **2012-2013** college school year. All applications must be submitted online at www.stdavidsfoundation.org. When registering, students will be assigned a username and password. Please allow at least two business days to receive a username and password. **Early registration is recommended.** Eligibility requirements are:

1. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating in 2012 within Travis, Hays or Williamson counties.
2. Applicants have been accepted at an accredited college or university in Texas to pursue a degree in a health care related discipline.
3. Applicants must attend a college or university as a full-time student (12+ units/semester).
4. Finalists must be able to attend an in-person interview the week of **April 30, 2012.**
5. Applicants must be a United States Citizen or a legal non-citizen resident.
6. Applicants must pass a background check. There can be no conviction for violating any federal or state laws for alcohol or drugs.

Application Requirements

All requirements listed below must be complete before submitting the online application. The application deadline is midnight, February 24th, 2012. All application paperwork must be scanned and uploaded to the scholarship web page at www.stdavidsfoundation.org. If the application is incomplete or if the information is not received in the format requested, the application will be denied. No exceptions. If the student does not have access to a scanner, the high school counseling department should be available to help. Please contact St. David's Foundation if you need additional assistance.

Applications must contain the following:

1. A fully completed application.
2. A one-page essay as described in section 7 of the application.

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3. Two original letters of recommendation:
 - One letter of recommendation **must** come from current teacher, counselor, or school administrator on official letterhead.
 - One recommendation **must** come from a non-family community member (such as employer, minister, coach, etc.). This recommendation does not have to be on official letterhead.
4. Official scholastic transcript(s), high school or college, including the fall semester or quarter of 2011.
5. Official photocopy of SAT or ACT scores **must** be submitted in one of the following ways: 1) a photocopy of official scores from the SAT Board or 2) a photocopy of an official official high school transcript containing SAT or ACT scores. Failure to submit these documents will result in an incomplete application.
6. A copy of the first page of the 2011 Federal Income Tax Return for any person(s) (including yourself) contributing to your education. If this is not available at the time of application submission, please send a copy of the 2011 W-2's for everyone contributing to your education.
7. Copy of proof of United States Citizenship (birth certificate, if born in the U.S., passport or U.S. citizenship papers, if applicable), legal non-citizen resident status, or permanent residency card.
8. A recent photograph.

Scholarship Timeline for 2012-2013

Feb. 24, 2012 **Applications deadline.** Application, essay, photo, transcript(s), SAT or ACT scores, one copy each of the first page of the 2011 Federal Income Tax Return for any person(s) contributing to your education, two letters of recommendation, and a copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency must be submitted online by the due date. **Applications will not be considered unless all documents have been submitted no later than midnight, February 24, 2012. No applications will be accepted past this time.**

Week of
April 30, 2012 Interviews will be held during this time. Finalists will receive advance notice of the interview schedule.

Week of
May 7, 2012 Scholarship recipients will be notified.

Application Submission

New for 2012: Please visit www.stdavidfoundation.org to apply and submit all materials online. No mailed applications will be accepted.

It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the following items have been scanned and submitted to the Foundation online **no later than midnight, February 24, 2012. Applicants not meeting this deadline will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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| ✓ Completed application form | ✓ Tax form(s) | ✓ Essay | ✓ Two letters of recommendation |
| ✓ Photograph | ✓ SAT or ACT scores | ✓ Transcripts | ✓ Copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency |

Award Info

Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will be notified by May 7, 2012. A scholarship recipient may be awarded a scholarship for up to four years. Recipients may also qualify for two year post-graduate scholarships. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of each college or university. It is the recipient's responsibility to request that the Registrar or Financial Aid Office send verification of enrollment as a full-time student in a health professional program for the fall semester or quarter to the Foundation before funds are sent. If verification of enrollment is not sent to the Foundation before classes begin, no payment will be sent to the school. Once tuition and fees are paid, students may use remaining funds for other college expenses, such as housing, books, medical supplies, etc.

Application Delivery

Applications and supplemental materials (letters of recommendation, transcripts, tax forms, etc.) must be scanned and uploaded to the scholarship web page at www.stdavidfoundation.org. **If the student does not have access to a scanner, the high school counseling department should be available to help. Please contact St. David's Foundation if you need additional assistance.**

Questions

For questions, please contact:
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