**NELSON FAMILY TRUST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Nelson Family Trust Education Scholarship (2023-2024) FINAL VERSION

**CRITERIA:**this scholarship is offered to Wyoming Area graduating seniors who will be pursuing a degree in education in the STEM area covering Grades 7-12; **however, other education  majors will be considered.** It will consist of an application and an interview.  Evaluation of candidates will be the same as for the Nelson Family Trust Scholarships.  As an added incentive for the recipients of these awards upon certification and employment as a **teacher** Grades 7-12 funds may be awarded for further education.

The Nelson selection committee will make the final decisions as to who will receive these awards.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants for this scholarship must show a passion for teaching.  Applicant must select one of the following essays questions and write a solid essay of at least 500 works. Indicate in your first sentence which prompt you have selected. It is highly recommended that one of your two recommendations is from a STEM teacher you have had during your high school career.

**ESSAYS:**

1.     What motivated you to pursue a degree in education? Why STEM (or otherwise) education?

2.     Tell us what and who influencedyou to become a teacher?

3.     When did you realize you wanted to become a teacher? What have you done to prepare for this career?

4.     Make up a question related to your career plans and answer it.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**Applicant must be a graduating Wyoming Area senior who has been accepted as a full time student at a 4 Year College/University. Selection will be based on the following:

1.   Completed application

 2.   Overall academic performance.

 3.   Required essay

 4.   Required Interview

**EACH OF THESE CRITERIA MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR APPLICATION:**

1. \*\* STEM EDUCATION majors preferred,  however,  other majors will be considered

2. Must submit 2 letters of recommendation.  It is highly recommended that one of your two recommendations is from a STEM teacher you have had during your high school career.

3. LIST your Ideal First Choice College which you applied to and would really like to be accepted to and attend.  Include if you have this information if you were accepted to this school.

4. List all colleges where you have applied including any letters of acceptance you have already received.

5. RESUME is crucial to selection here.

6. You must submit 2 (TWO) COMPLETE PACKETS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

7. An INTERVIEW is part of the criteria for selection for this scholarship

8. Required submission of EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from your FAFSA Application.