



## Annual Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship Application

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of April each year**. (No exceptions)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements. Refer to application below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e. reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc...). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Please type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
4. You will be notified the first part of May regarding the status of your application.
5. If you have any questions about the application process. Please email Justin Clark at: [marina@pattersonharbor.com](mailto:marina@pattersonharbor.com) or by calling 308-799-4600.

**Purpose:** We have established a post-secondary education scholarship to be awarded to an individual(s) attending a post-secondary institution of higher education or trade school, who has demonstrated their commitment to, service and the spirit of fun which is exemplified by the great groups that participate and benefit from our Annual Patterson Harbor Marina Polar Plunge fundraising event. The Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship is in loving memory of Leon Harder who was a retired special education teacher from Alma, NE and a long-time employee of Patterson Harbor Marina. Leon Harder had a monumental impact on the lives of thousands of people through his love and positive outlook on life while a teacher in the Alma Public School system and as an employee, after retiring as a teacher, at Patterson Harbor Marina.

**Award Components:** Each year, one or more applicants will be selected and awarded a single scholarship that rewards students engaged in service and are dedicated to their post-secondary education.

### **Award Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be attending or registered to attend an institute of higher education or trade school.
2. Applicants must be younger than 24 years of age at time of application. Please contact Patterson Harbor Marina at [marina@pattersonharbor.com](mailto:marina@pattersonharbor.com) if special applicant circumstances exist for applicants over 24 years of age and we will review these requests on a case by case basis.
3. Applicants must show a proven record of involvement through learning, extracurricular activities and service to the community in which their school resides and/or where they live.
4. Applicants must have a minimum, cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

5. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a permanent resident ID card or current passport.

**Application Process:**

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Letter of application addressed to Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship Application Committee stating the intent to apply for the scholarship.
3. Two (2) character references in the form of letter of recommendations.
4. A copy of their most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average.
5. Personal Essay (600 words or less). In your essay, please answer the question below:

**How has service to others and your time enjoyed at Harlan County Reservoir, Nebraska made a meaningful impact on your life and education?**

- We understand not everyone may have a chance to spend time at Harlan County Reservoir. While we use this opportunity to promote the lake we love, spending time at the lake is not a requirement for application of this scholarship. Please feel free to speak of the influence your local community has played in your commitment to service above self and the impact your service has had on your life and education.
6. One of your character references or the higher institution's president or director must sign the completed application, along with the nominated student.

**Deadline** for the application is **the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of April each year**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. No emailed or incomplete applications will be considered.

**Announcement of Scholarship Recipient(s): By the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of May each year.**

**Special Provision:** Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the recipient's campus and may not be used to pay back college loans of any kind. Minimum scholarship to the first two recipients will be no less than \$750.00 each. Additional scholarships or larger scholarships may be awarded if more funds and qualified applicants are available.

**Please mail scholarship applications to:**

**Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship Committee  
Patterson Harbor Marina & Resort  
Attn: Justin Clark  
PO Box 110  
Alma, NE 68920**

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Please **type** or **print** your answers clearly. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:        Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am a United States Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America (Circle one)

YES            NO

Current school I am enrolled in:

Current Year (Circle one)

High School - Senior

College – Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior

I will be attending the following school in the **Fall of** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Please Enter Year):**

Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is **required prior to receipt of funds.**

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale)

Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent unofficial or official transcript is required.

Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper to answer these questions if required. Please denote where to find the answers below and include the stated question with your answer if using a separate sheet of paper.

What is your selected or considered major/degree?

Comments:

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities:

List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests and extracurricular activities:

### **Personal Essay**

Please answer the following question:

**How has service to others and your time enjoyed at Harlan County Reservoir, Nebraska made a meaningful impact in your life and education?**

- Please see reference to alternative question on page 2 if applicant has not spent time at Harlan County Lake.

Please limit your submitted response to a maximum of 600 words. Essay may be hand written on last page (blank page) of this application or you may submit a typed response.

**The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.**

Your application unfortunately will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions)

Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

**Completed, signed application form (this form)**    Yes    /    No

**Two (2) character references.** Include these letters in sealed envelopes.                    Yes    /    No

**Letter of application - stating your intent to apply (1-page maximum)**    Yes    /    No

**A copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average.**    Yes    /    No

**Required Signatures – Institution President or Director and/or Character Witness**    Yes    /    No

**Personal Essay – How has service in your life and your time at Harlan County Reservoir made a meaningful impact in your life and education?**  
(600 words maximum)

### **Statement of Accuracy**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution or trade school before my scholarship funds will be awarded.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Signature of Institution President or Director and/or Character Reference**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_