

“YES for Liberty” Scholarship Guidelines: 2018-2019

Introduction

The Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc. scholarship program is designed to accomplish two primary goals. The first goal is to financially assist qualified applicants in obtaining post-secondary education degrees or certificates from an accredited or approved (by the board of directors) institution whether from a four-year or two-year private or public college or university; vocational-technical school or college; trade or proprietary school. The second goal is to educate our youth, our future guardians of Liberty, about the founding of our Constitutional Republic form of government.

The Youth Education Scholarship or, “YES for Liberty”, will be awarded based on a completed application and participation in a Constitution Bee where finalists, in an open forum, will be asked to answer questions about the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights.

Who is Eligible?

- Applicant must be a legal citizen of the United States of America. Legal permanent resident status does NOT qualify. Applicant MUST be a citizen on the date application is signed.
- Applicant MUST be a Kansas resident.
- Students in grades 9-12 currently attending public, private, military or home school.
 - **Students graduating early:** The Board of Directors reserves the right to evaluate eligibility. Contact the Board directly via email or in writing regarding individual circumstances.
- Students in grades 9-12 planning to attend either a public, private university or college; vocational-technical school or college; or a trade or proprietary school located within the United States of America.

Application Process

1. Go to the web site, www.yesforliberty.org and click on the Scholarship and Bee Information Link.
2. Complete the Constitution Bee Application including all personal information and signatures as indicated. (**Note:** A Parent/Guardian, in addition to the student, is required to sign the publicity statement regardless of student’s age.)
3. Provide any appropriate listings on the Constitution Bee Personal Action Page.
4. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the qualifier question in 200 words or less.
5. Submit completed application to:

**Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc.
ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
1310-A Westloop Place, PMB # 326
Manhattan, Kansas 66502**

Instructions

1. **Earliest date to apply is Constitution Day, September 17**
2. **ONLY ONE application per envelope.**
3. In order to receive consideration as a Constitution Bee Youth Education Scholarship finalist, the **CURRENT official application must be completed, postmarked and/or received by December 31**. Applications will be accepted by U.S. mail. Should it be

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necessary, applications may also be hand delivered. To make arrangements for hand delivery, contact the Educational Fund Secretary by phone (leave a message) at 1-888-753-7044 to insure acceptance prior to due date and time.

4. Scholarships may only be used at an accredited or approved (by the board of directors) degree or certificate post-secondary education program.
5. Scholarships awarded will be released directly to the student’s selected accredited or approved (by the board of directors) institution’s Financial Aid Office after both proof of enrollment and the corresponding student identification number have been received by FHTP Educational Fund, Inc. for verification.
6. Should the student make the decision not to attend or withdraws from an accredited or approved (by the board of directors) degree or certificate post-secondary education program, all funds will be returned to the FHTP Educational Fund, Inc. Unless forfeited in writing, those funds will be held in student’s name for up to 2 years from date of student’s high school graduation. Requests for special consideration regarding an extension must be submitted in writing.
7. Scholarships will be awarded based on full-time enrollment however part-time enrollment may be considered if a written request providing reasons is submitted to the Board.
8. Scholarships will be awarded based on performance and placement in the Constitution Bee without regard to state of physical handicap.

Award Amount

1. Each participating finalist will receive the distinction of being honored and designated as a, **“Constitution Scholar.”**
2. The overall winner will receive a minimum scholarship amount of \$3,500.
3. It is anticipated that the final fund amount will insure that the 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded a scholarship. All finalists who participate in the Constitution Bee will be acknowledged.

Finalist Evaluation and Selection

1. The evaluation and selection process will be administered and conducted by the Board of Directors of The Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc.
2. To insure that each application will receive sufficient review, include **ONLY ONE application per envelope** with the following three (3) items in the envelope submitted: "Constitution Bee Personal Information Page"; "Constitution Bee Action Page(s)"; the separate sheet addressing the **current** year’s qualifying question listed on the application.

Notification

1. **Applicants selected to participate in the Constitution Bee will be notified within 2 weeks from the deadline and no later than January 16, 2019.**
2. **A letter will notify applicants.** If accepted to compete, an accompanying packet with additional instructions will be included along with a **student acceptance sheet, which must be returned within 10 days.** A follow-up phone call and/or email may also be used.

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3. Names of finalists will also be posted on the “YES for Liberty” website as well as published in the appropriate print and broadcast media.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Am I eligible to win a scholarship each year I participate?

Answer: Yes. For grades 9-11 the scholarship earnings will accrue in a separate account established by the FHTP Educational Fund, Inc. Board.

2. What if I decide not to enroll in a post-secondary institution immediately after graduation from high school?

Answer: The scholarship amount you have been awarded will be available to you for a period not to exceed two years after graduation. In the event of a student choosing military service immediately after high school graduation, that period of time would extend to four years. Any requests for special consideration must be submitted in writing to **The FHTP Educational Fund, Inc., Board of Directors, 1310-A Westloop Place, PMB 326, Manhattan, KS 66502.** Any previous determinations made by the Board of Directors does not establish precedence for future determinations.

3. What is the event format?

Answer: Winners are determined through a four-part round of questions based on the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Utilizing true and false, a series of multiple choice questions the final three awards are then determined by an oral presentation. Should you be selected as a finalist you will receive specific information about the format and it will be posted on the website.

Recommended Study Materials

Listings will be posted at “website or html location” and will be updated periodically.

Disclaimer Statement

The Board of Directors of “The Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc.” reserve the right to evaluate applicants on an individual basis and/or the timely submission of applications.

Terms and Conditions are subject to change without notice.