

Douglas County Community Foundation

The Cigler Family Scholarship

Cigler family members have dedicated their professional lives to education. Allan J. Cigler was a Professor of Political Science at The University of Kansas for 44 years. Beth E. Cigler was an elementary teacher for 32 years and is currently an adjunct instructor in the Curriculum and Teaching and Mathematics Departments at The University of Kansas; she also supervises student teachers. Their daughter, Kirsten Cigler Nelson, was a teacher at Topeka High School for more than 20 years and taught a variety of English courses including Honors English and Advanced Placement English Composition. She is currently a lecturer in the department of education at Washburn University. This renewable scholarship seeks to reward students who have shown academic promise, particularly in areas of primary interest to the Cigler's, language arts and social studies.

The Cigler Family Scholarship application deadline is **February 12, 2024, at 5:00 pm**. The scholarship award for the first year is \$3,000. Students who receive the \$3,000 scholarship may apply for an additional \$1,000 for three subsequent years with the possibility of a total of \$6,000. Applications submitted after the due date are not accepted.

Application Criteria:

Topeka High School Senior

3.25 weighted GPA

2 AP/Honors Language Arts Courses

1 AP/Honors Social Studies Courses

Essay

Document uploads:

Transcript

Resume

ACT/SAT Score

Extracurricular Activities

Work Experience

Volunteer Experience

Optional: Provide additional information you consider relevant to this application.

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- Applicant's Name
- Essay
- Please compose an essay for the question below. Your essay should be no more than 5,000 characters.
 - Angela Duckworth, Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, defines “grit” as “perseverance and passion for long-term goals.” Choose a literary or historical figure who showed grit by persevering, reevaluating, making changes, and following through on a long-term goal. Explain how this example might help you as you begin your post-secondary education. (Character Limit: 5000)
- Resume
 - Please upload your resume. Your resume must include the following information:
 - ACT/SAT Score
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Work Experience
 - Volunteer Experience
- Transcript
- Additional Information
- Provide additional information you consider relevant to this application. (Character limit: 600)

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How to Access and Apply for

The Cigler Family Scholarship

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to access The Cigler Family Scholarship managed by Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) or copy the below URL to your browser*:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=dccfoundationscholarship>

*Please make sure you are using a current version of Google Chrome, Safari, or Firefox.

2. On the Logon page, click Create an Account and enter the required data fields (noted with an asterisk “*”).
3. Click Next in the bottom right corner.
4. Complete the password information and click Create Account.
5. A confirmation email from DCCF will be sent to your email address.
6. Confirm that you received the email and click Continue.
7. Your browser should now be on The Cigler Family Scholarship Information page. (If more scholarships are displayed, select Cigler.)
8. To apply for the scholarship, click either Apply in the top left corner or Apply on the right of your screen.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lori Sellers Trenholm,
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