



2020 Application

Purpose: This scholarship was established in honor and memory of Leo Scott through the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation. It is intended to inspire Oak Park graduates to further their post-secondary education and mentor others through community involvement and paying it forward.

Leo Scott was a 1975 graduate of Oak Park High School. We lost Leo in 2014 at the way-too-early age of 58 after his courageous battle with cancer.

In true Oakie spirit, Leo was elected to a class office each of his 3 years at Oak Park. He was a 2-year varsity letterman in football and unselfishly contributed his time and energy to multiple other events and activities for both Oak Park and the community while in school and after graduation. Leo ALWAYS gave back more than he received. Leo Scott defined the phrase, "Pay it forward".

Anybody who knew Leo was immediately infected with his positive attitude, genuine personality, and smile. Leo's trademark phrase was, "Hey Ya Buddy". This was Leo's term of endearment to the hundreds of people touched by his friendship. The annual recipient will be someone who, in the opinion of the review committee, could truly be considered **Leo's Buddy**.

Criteria: To be eligible for this scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior at Oak Park High School.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.8 or above.
- Be involved in at least one volunteer or service activity at Oak Park or in your community.
- Plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree following graduation.

Supporting Documents: Your application must include:

- A copy of your high school transcript
- A letter of reference by a teacher or school representative
- Explanation of school/community volunteer or service activity(ies)
- Short essay

Amount: At least one scholarship of **\$1,000** will be awarded annually to an Oak Park High School senior. The money will remain with the North Kansas City Education Foundation until you have graduated from Oak Park and have been accepted to a two- or four-year institution.

Guidelines: Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the institution you will attend after graduating from high school.

Process: The committee will consist of friends and family of Leo Scott, Oak Park alumni and representatives from Oak Park High school.

Deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Please include the application form and all supporting materials in one envelope. Mail or deliver to:
Oak Park High School Counseling Office
825 NE 79th Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64118

Applications are due to the Oak Park Counseling Office on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.



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Applicant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

1st Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

2nd Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE / VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

On a separate page, explain what kind of school or community service activity or activities you do and why you feel "Paying it forward" is important.

SHORT ESSAY:

Leo Scott had a positive outlook on life. He dealt with several serious challenges – a wife with a debilitating disease and a life-ending bout with cancer. On a separate page, tell us about a personal challenge or hardship you have experienced and how you overcame this difficulty.

*(NOTE: Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. Please include all materials.)*

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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