



# 2023 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 three years at Oak Park. He was a 2-year varsity letterman in football. He unselfishly contributed his time and energy to other events and activities for 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 by 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 genuinely be considered **Leo's Buddy**.

**Deadline:** Friday, March 31, 2023

**Amount:** At least one scholarship of **\$1,000** will be awarded annually to an Oak Park High School senior.

**Microsoft Forms Application Link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/KJNTHCiMwv>  
(Students must use their district account to access Microsoft Forms)

## 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.

## Application Requirements:

- Complete the **Common Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Sn1zJj2AdX>
- Complete the **Leo's Buddy Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.office.com/r/KJNTHCiMwv>
  - A letter of reference by a teacher or school representative
  - Short Essays
    - Explain what kind of school or community service activity or activities you do and why you feel "Paying it forward" is important.
    - 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.

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

## Questions? Contact:

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