THE CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S MISSION:

We are a volunteer fundraising organization at the district level. We partner with the school district and generate funds for designated educational initiatives that can benefit students at all levels of learning.

Central Education Foundation
Steven T. Watwood Memorial Scholarship
Amount $500

Scholarship origin:

This scholarship is in memory of Steven T. Watwood a longtime 301 Central Education Foundation Board Member. Steve was known in the community for his generosity, friendship and dedication to his loved ones. He proudly served his country as a US Marine. Steve had a degree in accounting/taxation, enjoyed playing football in college and was a business owner. We are grateful to have known Steve and thankful for all that he did to make our community a better place.

- **Dream It** – The 301 Central Education Foundation was established in January 2008. As the first organization of its kind in our community, the Foundation is dedicated to enriching, enhancing and supporting Central District 301. From the very beginning the Foundation has dreamed of promoting excellence in education for the benefit of career and college readiness of the district students.

- **Fund It** – Support of District initiatives and scholarships are made possible by a generous community of donors. Community participation, now and in the future, will allow the Foundation to continue to *Give to Grow* and provide Funding of programs and projects which supplement the educational opportunities for District 301 students.

- **Build It** – We are excited with the opportunity to partner with Central District 301 to provide three new programs to build a better student, Veterinary Science, Incubator and Mobile Maker, these programs will allow students to exit Central's doors with certificates that can be used in the workforce immediately, or dual-credit options that can transfer to college as credit.

301 Central Education Foundation
Steven T. Watwood Memorial Scholarship Application

1. Purpose

This scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, participation in community or school service, and demonstration of leadership in the community or district schools.

2. Amount and Payment Method

- **a.** It is the intent of the foundation to award one (1) $500 scholarship. The foundation may grant more than one scholarship in certain circumstances.
- **b.** Payment will be made after successful completion of the applicant's first semester at a vocational training facility, community college, or university (beginning the fall semester following the candidate's graduation from CHS).
- **c.** The recipient must attain a grade point average of at least 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale. An official transcript must be submitted to 301 CEF Foundation before payment is made.
- **d.** Eligible Expenses – College tuition, books, room and board, excluding security deposit, will qualify hereunder, limited however to the amount the college or university charges for its on-campus room and board program. Recipient may not request payment of reimbursement for expenses, which are or have been covered through any other financial aid source other than student loans obtained for tuitions and related expenses.

3. Eligibility/Qualifications

- **a.** The applicant must be a graduating senior of Central High School District 301 and attended CHS for at least two years.
- **b.** The applicant must be continuing their education at a vocational training facility, community college or university as a full-time student.
- **c.** The applicant is pursuing a program with a focus in accounting, finance, business, teaching or has been selected to play on a college football team.
- **d.** The applicant must have been accepted to the school of his/her choice.
- **e.** The applicant must provide a personal statement and resume detailing their accomplishments and possible work-force experience.
- **f.** Applicants must return the completed application to the CHS Guidance Office. Applications returned to any other person/location will not be considered.

4. Selection Committee

- **a.** The selection committee shall consist of at least three 301 CEF members.
- **b.** The committee members shall not be related to any applicant.
- **c.** The CEF selection committee has final/sole discretion for disbursement.

5. Application Deadline and Awarding of Scholarship

- **a.** Applications may be obtained from the CHS Guidance Counselors
- **b.** Applications are due on Friday, March 23, 2026, at 3:30pm.
- **c.** The Scholarship will be awarded at the Central High School's Senior Awards Night

Public Information

301 Central Education Foundation
Steven T. Watwood Memorial Scholarship Application

This application should be used to apply for the Central Education Foundation Steven T. Watwood Memorial Scholarship offered only to Central High School students. The scholarship to be awarded will be in the amount of $500. The scholarship recipient will receive the award at Senior Award Night by the Central Education Scholarship committee.

Part A:

Applicant Personal Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Cumulative High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Intended College/Trade School: _____ Major: _____

Have you applied for admission? _____ Accepted? _____

Other Scholarships Applied For: _____

- Attach two letters of recommendation; please do not use a relative as a recommendation

Part B:

Personal Statement

Provide a personal statement describing yourself and how your high school experience will help you be successful in college/vocational school minimum 400-word essay. Only typed essays will be considered.

Part C:

Resume

Attach a resume which includes:

- Leadership roles and extracurricular actives
- Community/civic volunteering or activities
- Honors awards you received both in school and out of school
- Work/job experience

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Student/Applicant's Signature

Public Information