

# THE JAMES M. COX FOUNDATION

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## ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Attached is a copy of the 2018 James M. Cox Scholarship application form. Please duplicate it as needed for seniors who wish to apply.

Please follow the directions at the bottom of the application form.

This mailing is being sent to over 150 schools in the eastern third of the state. The \$1,000 scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of higher education that the student chooses to attend. (If the student attends only one-half year, the institution will return \$500 to the Foundation.)

The Trustees of the James M. Cox Foundation would like to inform you of some of the broad parameters we use in determining which applicants will be awarded scholarships.

- The student must be a 2018 high school graduate with an academic record that indicated he/she will be successful in the field of higher education he/she has chosen. Students completing a GED are also eligible.
- The Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, and therefore, we request that a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed. (Make sure the FAFSA obtained is for the 2018-2019 year.
- In addition to factors reflected in the FAFSA we pay particular attention to the parent's Adjusted Gross Income, the number of dependents on the tax return, and the total number of dependents who will be attending an institution of higher education in 2018-2019.
- Essays and letters of recommendation are also considered.

We consider other factors, obstacles or extenuating circumstances that a family may be experiencing such as financial burden, medical expenses, death of a parent and/or disabilities in making our decisions.

Place application, together with the FAFSA, transcripts, recommendation letters and essay in one envelope and mail on or before **April 17, 2018** to:

Steve Otto  
James M. Cox Foundation  
1500 Kingston Road  
Lincoln, NE 68506

We thank you in advance for the help you give seniors in the application process as well as in general preparation for college.

Sincerely,

Steve Otto, Jim Otto, Ron Jensen and S. Morgan Davis  
Trustees of the James M. Cox Foundation

The James M. Cox Foundation was established in 1988 as the result of a bequest from the Estate of James M. Cox. The Foundation is governed by Mr. Cox's direction that the Foundation's primary purpose shall be to assist needy children to become productive and self-reliant adults.

Since its organization, the Foundation has provided scholarships to high school graduates who have demonstrated financial need in order to pursue their further education. The Foundation primarily considers applicants who reside in counties located in the easterly one-third of the State of Nebraska (with special consideration accorded to needy children residing in Hamilton and York Counties), and gives special consideration to low income situations and families who are supporting more than one child in higher education pursuits. The Foundation also considers grant applications from charitable institutions and educational entities who are equipped to provide services to advance the needs of needy children, and to otherwise use such grants for furtherance of the Foundation's primary purpose.

Mr. Cox grew up in Hampton, Nebraska, where his father operated farms and a grain business. After graduating from high school in Hampton, Mr. Cox attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE, with a business degree.

Mr. Cox graduated from college during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Unable to find any other job, he went to work for his father operating the grain elevator in Hampton. During World War II, he volunteered for service in the Navy, where he served with distinction until the end of the war.

After his military service, Mr. Cox returned to Nebraska where he worked for various financial institutions, spending a number of years as a loan officer for the Veteran's Administration. Mr. Cox then served for many years with distinction as the deputy director of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Omaha, Nebraska, until his retirement.

Mr. Cox never married or had children, but he was dedicated throughout his life to helping needy children. He was a long-time contributor to Nebraska Children's Home Society of Omaha, Nebraska. As a result of his dedication to the support of needy children, he directed the establishment of the Foundation as a manner of serving that cause in perpetuity.

The Foundation is a Nebraska nonprofit "public benefit" corporation. The Foundation has qualified under federal income tax rules as a tax exempt entity pursuant to IRC 501(c)(3), and as a private foundation within the meaning of IRC 509(a).

**JAMES M. COX FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019 – AMOUNT \$1,000.00**

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**Please Type or Print Legibly:**

APPLICANT (FULL GIVEN NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ GUIDANCE COUNSELOR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME (Indicate if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S EMPLOYER AND JOB TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME (Indicate if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S EMPLOYER AND JOB TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NO. OF CHILDREN CLAIMED AS DEPENDENTS ON PARENT TAX RETURN(S) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) WHO WERE IN COLLEGE FOR 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 OR WILL BE FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR:

(use back of sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD'S NAME/COLLEGE

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CHILD'S NAME/COLLEGE

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CHILD'S NAME/COLLEGE

NAME OF UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR TRADE SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
INTENDED DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

(if no, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:**  
All of the information herein supplied is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.  
  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

- APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, YOU MUST INCLUDE:
1. COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION;
  2. COPY OF YOUR FAFSA STUDENT AID REPORT ("SAR"), INCLUDING FAMILY INCOME DATA;
  3. CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT;
  4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM INSTRUCTORS, ADVISORS OR COUNSELORS; AND
  5. EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT ESSAY OF NO MORE THAN 1 PAGE RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF A HIGHER EDUCATION ON YOUR PERMANENT CAREER OBJECTIVES.

MAIL ALL ITEMS AND THIS APPLICATION, WITH POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE April 17, 2018, TO:

STEVE OTTO  
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1500 KINGSTON ROAD  
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