



# SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## HODGE-THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Dear Applicant:

Sumner High School served and educated youth in the predominately Black Community in Kansas City, Kansas from 1905 to 1978. The school was named for Charles Sumner, an eminent scholar, abolitionist, and U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. The original building was located at Ninth Street and Washington Blvd. The "new" building, located at Eighth & Oakland Avenue, was completed, and occupied in January 1940.

The faculty and staff at Sumner High School established for their students, the highest standards of education, morals, and ethics, from the beginning. The curriculum emphasized college preparation classes, the classics, mathematics, and science. The teachers instilled in students a determination to overcome inequities, and to succeed "in spite of."

"*Sumner High School*" ceased to exist at the end of the 1978 school year because of the KCK USD 500 school district's implementation of a court ordered desegregation plan. The building is now identified as "Sumner Academy" and it continues to model the "old" Sumner High School's high standards for education excellence.

Sumner High School Alumni today credit much of Sumner's success to the leadership of two long-time principals: John A Hodge, who served from 1916-1951 and Solomon H. Thompson, principal from 1951-1972. The Hodge-Thompson Scholarship was named to honor these two distinguished educators and leaders.

The first Hodge-Thompson awards were made in 1989. Since that time, over 100 scholarships have been awarded to area students. The Sumner High School Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee will continue to work toward assisting eligible graduates of KCK USD 500.

We invite you to apply for scholarship assistance if you meet the eligibility criteria included in this application packet.

**The application deadline is:\_\_\_\_\_.**

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THAT DATE.**

Scholarship applicants will be notified by mail no more than 30 days following the deadline date. All applications become the property of the Sumner High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee. Information provided on the application form is confidential and for use only by the Scholarship Selection Committee. If you have questions, please contact the committee at 913-558-1962.

Sincerely,

The Committee for the  
HODGE-THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

## **PURPOSE**

The Hodge-Thompson Scholarship was established to assist students graduating from KCK USD 500 high schools in continuing their educational or vocational goals.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants MUST fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

1. **MUST be a graduate of a KCK USD 500 high school.**
2. MUST have maintained a high school non-weighted 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Scholarships are available to support baccalaureate-level study or technical/vocational certification.
4. Scholarship recipients must ENROLL IN AND EARN a minimum of 12 credit hours in both the fall and winter semesters.
5. Recipients must show proof of enrollment in a college, university, or vocational school for both the fall and winter semesters for the award to be made.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING**

1. Complete the attached Hodge-Thompson Scholarship Application, answering all questions. The application form must be legible and in dark enough type or print to be duplicated on a copy machine.
2. Provide a printed essay at least one page in length on:  
"Why I Should Receive the HODGE-THOMPSON Scholarship Award."
3. Provide an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope.
4. Provide the name and address of the two individuals that you have asked to write a letter of recommendation for you. We suggest that you give each person a stamped envelope addressed to the Scholarship Committee (see address below). Each person that you select should be a teacher, counselor, minister, or civic leader that can evaluate you in the following areas: academic growth potential, leadership skills/potential, motivation, personal initiative, and time management skills. If available, the letter of reference should be printed on the person's organizational letterhead.
5. Be aware your letter of recommendation deadline is also \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Provide a printed list of awards, honors, and scholarships that you have received. (One page only please).

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The following criteria will be used in the selection process:

1. Grade point average, course content, and standardized test scores,
2. School and community activities,
3. Evidence of leadership and character,
4. Evaluation of essay,
5. Articulation of need for financial assistance, and
6. Results of an interview with scholarship committee members for finalists.

## **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

1. Scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative of 2.5 or higher GPA.
2. Recipients are expected to represent the Hodge-Thompson Scholarship fund at special events as requested.

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN**

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### **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

SHSAA HODGE-THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP  
c/o ROBERT D. BRADY, JR  
14159 Belrive Circle  
Basehor, Kansas 66007

QUESTIONS? Call (913) 558-1962



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**APPLICATION**

**(DEADLINE: \_\_\_\_\_)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (Unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_ Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of children in family including yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

Besides you, number of other family members attending college this fall: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL MAJOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THAT YOU'VE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN AND ANY OFFICES HELD

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>DATES</u> (From -To)
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PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS AND/OR HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS YOU MAY HAVE EARNED OR RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL.

PLEASE LIST ALL WORK EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING HOURS PER WEEK WORKED DURING SCHOOL. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY VOLUNTEER WORK OR WORK DONE FOR PARENTS. (May include helping in a business or doing major work in the home)

EMPLOYER                      HOURS WORKED PER WEEK                      DATES (From -To)







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### APPLICATION

### REFERENCE COVER SHEET

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You have been asked to provide a letter of recommendation for the student that should include information on his/her academic growth potential, leadership skills/potential, motivation, personal initiative, and time management skills. The letter should be written on your organizational letterhead. Please complete this cover sheet and send it with your letter of recommendation to the address listed below. The deadline for your recommendation is \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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