

M.E. Singleton Scholarship Trust

2010

It is hard to believe but graduation is just around the corner. I realize most of you are familiar with this scholarship. However, for those who are not, I would like to give you some important information and ask that you encourage your seniors to apply.

Founded in 1868, Citizens National Bank of Texas is the third oldest independent bank in the State of Texas. Our philosophy of giving back to the customers, citizens, and communities we serve has kept us strong when so many other banks have failed. In 1930 Colonel Marvin E. Singleton became Chairman of the Board of CNB and thus began the respected heritage of the Singleton family's majority ownership and leadership of the bank.

To honor their father the children of Colonel Singleton established the M.E. Singleton Scholarship Trust in 1952. In 1996, The Shannon Elizabeth Singleton Memorial Scholarship was established in remembrance of the great-granddaughter of Colonel Singleton.

The purpose of the trust is to enable outstanding Ellis County high school seniors (and those residing in Kaufman, Venus, or Cedar Hill) the opportunity to receive a higher education. The trust is administered by Citizens National Bank of Texas and has awarded 548 scholarships totaling more than \$1,990,000.

Students applying for the M.E. Singleton Scholarship are invited to complete the electronic application on this web site. In addition to the application each student must submit (via fax, mail, E-mail, or in person to any CNB of Texas branch) a packet to Ms. Jennifer Rash that includes the following:

- Copy of High School Transcript
- Copy of parent's/guardian's most recent Tax Return
- Current Photo
- Essay (less than 500 words, explain why you should become a recipient)
- Two to three recommendation letters from a principal, superintendent, counselor, teacher, or pastor/priest

The requests will be reviewed and some applicants will be invited for a personal interview with a panel of trustees. Applications and packets are due no later than Monday, April 5, 2010 by 6:00 p.m. and interviews will be held later in April. Scholarships are generally presented at the high school awards ceremony.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are requirements to qualify for this scholarship?

- Graduating High school senior
- Desire to attend college/university
- Reside in Ellis County, Kaufman, Venus, or Cedar Hill

What factors contribute to trustees selections?

- Income of family verses household situation
- Grades in high school
- Previous work experience
- Previous volunteer experience
- Sincere desire
- Dual Credit courses taken
- Activities participated in during H.S.

If I receive this scholarship, how is it dispersed?

- A “scholarship” account will be opened for the student at CNB of Texas
- \$1,000 will be deposited into your account each January and August

What would I have to do to keep the scholarship?

- Remain enrolled in at least twelve credit hours every Fall and Spring semester
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Submit grades and new schedule after each semester

Can the application be printed and completed by hand?

- Unfortunately this is not longer an option. You must complete the application on the scholarship website.