**BELLEVUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This is an opportunity for each senior to submit a single application and be considered for a variety of community scholarships awarded by local organizations to Seniors at Bellevue East High School. You may compete only with other seniors at Bellevue East. Any senior who plans to continue their education after graduation should fill out and apply for the available scholarships.

**Neatness makes a difference!** ***It must be typed***. No handwritten applications will be accepted.

**Follow these steps for a complete application package:**

1. Read the descriptions of the community scholarships and find the ones that apply to you. (If you are unsure, please come and ask me.)

2. Discuss the selections with your parent/guardian and then check them off on the attached selection sheet.

3. Request ONE Letter of Recommendation (unless otherwise stated on a specific scholarship). Prepare a Student Activity Resume and submit it to a teacher along with your Request for Recommendation form (located at the bottom of this page).

4. Now, complete the application carefully. Complete the application online or type in a blank form **(*use only the space provided*).** Then print and submit to Ms. Hadley. The application will be emailed to all seniors. **Download (not view) the fillable Word document.** The application will also be on the Bellevue East website <http://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/>, select Bellevue East, then Academics, then Scholarships. Follow all directions carefully and be sure to proofread your work before you turn it in. Best plan: do a rough draft first! Take some time and write a meaningful response to each question. Remember, you will be judged against other applicants solely based on what you write. You and your parent or guardian ***must*** sign the application.

5. Include a resume and any additional documents required.

6. Finally, **turn in your selection sheet, your application, resume, and any additional documents** to the counseling office. We usually get your letter of recommendation directly from the teacher, but you should ask them if they turned it in for you. It must be in by the deadline.

**Your absolute deadline is 3:30 pm on December 19th, 2025.**

**No late submission accepted!**

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION

Note: Give this to your favorite teacher at least two weeks before the deadline.

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| To: |  | Student’s Name: |  |

Please write a letter of recommendation for me to submit with my **Bellevue Public Schools Comprehensive Scholarship Program** application. See the attached Student Information Sheet or my Resume for background information.

This recommendation should be returned to counseling and given to Ms. Hadley

Because of the specific scholarships, I plan to select from the community scholarship list. Please emphasize the following accomplishments, activities, qualities, or characteristics:

This recommendation needs to be finished by **December 19th, 2025**

BELLEVUE EAST HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION SHEET

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| I, |  | (please print or type) a senior at Bellevue East High |

School, am submitting this application for the following scholarships marked with an **X** at the left. I have read the descriptions of the scholarships and am applying **only** for those scholarships for which I am a **qualified** applicant. The scholarships are in two sections only for office purposes.***Complete the application package (selection sheet, application, resume, and additional items as required) and turn in to the Counseling Office by December 19th by 3:30pm. Be sure to sign your application!***

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|  | **Ada Max Brookover Scholarship: Bellevue Senior Citizen’s Center** |
|  | **Alff/Steenson Scholarship: Include a paragraph or two about yourself** |
|  | **Barbara J. & Dean L. Ogren Scholarship (Note: Brief Summary & Extra Letter Required)** |
|  | **Bares Family Foundation Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue Education Association Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue Masonic Lodge #325 Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue Police Officers’ Association Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue Rotary Club Scholarship** |
|  | **First Interstate Bank Scholarship** |
|  | **Paula Anticolli Memorial Scholarship (UNL) (Please enter your NU ID# \_****\_\_\_\_\_)** |
|  | **T. J. Kinnick Memorial Scholarship** |
|  | **Earl Carlyle Educational Fund Scholarship (Note: Extra essay and extra letter required)** |
| **SECTION 2** | | | |
|  | **Air Force Association: James M. Keck JROTC** |
|  | **Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship for Education Majors** |
|  | **American Legion: Martin Graves Post 339 Scholarship (Note: Extra military evidence required)** |
|  | **Bellevue East Scholar/Athlete Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue East Theatre Boosters Scholarship (Note: 2 extra essays required)** |
|  | **Bellevue East Vocal Booster Club Scholarship** |
|  | **Bellevue Education Association Dependents’ Scholarship**  **(Enter BEA member \_\_****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** |
|  | **Bellevue Junior Sports Association Scholarship (Note: Extra list of BJSA activities required)** |
|  | **Bellevue Knights of Columbus Scholarship**  **(Enter the name of your Parish:** **\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_)** |
|  | **Bellevue Elementary PTA** |
|  | **Bellevue/Offutt Kiwanis Scholarship** |
|  | **Bertha Barber Elem PTA** |
|  | **Betz Elementary School PTA Scholarship** |
|  | **Chieftain FBLA Scholarship** |
|  | **Delta Kappa Gamma: Alpha Iota Chapter Scholarship** |
|  | **Fairview Elementary Alumni Scholarship** |
|  | **Leonard Lawrence Elementary School PTA Scholarship** |
|  | **Lt Col Don Novak Memorial JROTC Scholarship** |
|  | **Rex and Lois Cadwallader Scholarship** |
|  | **Ryan David Memorial Scholarship Fund (Extra essay required)** |
|  | **Sgt. Lonnie Calvin Allen, Jr. Scholarship** |
|  | **Twin Ridge Elementary School PTA Scholarship (Note: Extra essay is required)** |
|  | **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10727 Scholarship (Note: Extra military evidence required)** |
|  | **Veterans Support Association JROTC Scholarship** |
|  | **Wake Robin Elementary School Alumni Scholarship** |
|  | **Samantha Smeby Meyers Memorial Scholarship** |

BELLEVUE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIONS OF COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

**Note:** Money from these scholarships must be used to pay for education after high school.

**Instructions:** Read each scholarship description carefully. Mark the scholarships that you feel you qualify for. Cross out any scholarships that do not relate to you in any way. If you are unsure if you qualify, please ask. Once you have picked out those scholarships for which you are qualified, transfer your selections to the Bellevue East High School Community Scholarship Selection Sheet.

**ADA MAX BROOKOVER SCHOLARSHIP:**

**BELLEVUE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER** Award: $250

Criteria: Offered to one Bellevue East and one Bellevue West senior. The student must plan to study either Family and Consumer Science Education or Culinary Arts at a two- or four-year college or university.

**AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION: JAMES M. KECK JROTC SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $1,000

Criteria: Offered to a JROTC student by the Air Force Association, AK-SAR-BEN Chapter.

**Alff/ Steenson Scholarship:** Award: $1,000

Criteria: A Bellevue East Student. Interested in a teaching career. Must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. (Provide a paragraph or two about yourself. You may include things such as how this scholarship will help you, what/who inspired you to consider a teaching career, and your goals in the educational world.)

**ALPHA DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR EDUCATION MAJORS** Award:  $500

Criteria:  This scholarship is provided by a sorority of Bellevue teachers for a Bellevue East and West Senior (male or female) planning to major in education and enter the teaching profession. The student must have a 3.0/5.0 GPA, score at least 19 on the ACT, and demonstrate leadership.

# AMERICAN LEGION: MARTIN GRAVES POST 339 SCHOLARSHIP Award: Varies

Criteria: Offered to a Bellevue East or Bellevue West Senior who is a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a veteran or current active duty military member. Must be planning to attend college or technical school. Considers academic records, extracurricular activities and volunteer service support to the community. Requires evidence of the parent's or grandparent's military service (such as a copy of their DD Form 214 or Active Duty Orders).

**THE BARBARA J. & DEAN L. OGREN SCHOLARSHIP.** Award: Tuition/Fees

Criteria: Offered to a Bellevue East or Bellevue West Senior who has attended all four years of high school within BPS and plans to attend Metro Community College, Central community college, Mid-plains community college, Northeast Community College, Southeast Community College, Western Nebraska community college. Applicants must be a Bellevue resident, demonstrate genuine financial need, and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5/4.0. Requires a brief statement explaining future goals and career choices along with two letters of recommendations. (**8a.  The award will pay up to $2500.00 dollars in tool cost for students in programs that require tools over two years**.)

**THE BARES FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $5,000

Criteria: Offered to two Bellevue East Seniors who are planning to pursue post-secondary education at a non-profit four-year college or university located within the United States. Considers academic ability, extracurricular activities, work experience, and financial need.

**BELLEVUE EAST SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $250

Criteria: Offered to one male and one female senior who are athletes and top-notch scholars. The student must rank in the top 25% of the class and must have participated in 10 or more sport seasons during grades 9 - 12.

**BELLEVUE EAST THEATRE BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $250

Criteria: Offered to seniors who have been a theatre student for the entire senior year and plan to attend a college, university, conservatory, or community college next year. Requires a 4.0 GPA on our 5.0 scale and two additional hand-written essays (each 250 words or less), one that details your college plans and another that explains why you deserve the Bellevue East Theatre Boosters Scholarship.

**BELLEVUE EAST VOCAL BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $500

Criteria: Offered to a chorus member who plans to continue participating in music in college. The applicant must be a senior, active in choir, and in good standing. Selection based on academic performance, extracurricular involvement, and future goals.

**BELLEVUE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $500

Criteria: This organization represents the Bellevue Public Schools teachers and offers a scholarship to a student who ranks in the top half of the class. Activities and leadership positions are also criteria. You do not have to major in education.

**BELLEVUE EDUCATION ASSOC. DEPENDENTS’ SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $500

Criteria: The Bellevue Education Association offers this scholarship to the son or daughter of a BEA member. If one of your parents is a teacher in the Bellevue School District and belongs to the BEA you can apply for this scholarship.

**BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY PTA** Award: $500

This is offered to a Senior who attended Bellevue Elementary school for at least four years. This may be used for college or a vocational school.

**BELLEVUE JUNIOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $300 (renewable once)

Criteria: Offered to seniors who have competed for at least one year in a high school sport. All applicants must have also participated in BJSA sports and include a short statement on one 8 ½” X 11” sheet of paper that lists their activities with BJSA and in high school sports. Students must be of good character and standing in the high school community with a GPA of 3.0/5.0 or higher and plan to attend a vocational school, community college, or four-year college.

**BELLEVUE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $1,000

Criteria: This is a scholarship for a senior who is a member of St. Mary’s Parish, St. Matthew’s Parish, or the Offutt Catholic Community and who plans to attend a Catholic college or university. Does not consider financial need. Bellevue Knights of Columbus Council 6192 will award three  
$1,000 scholarships to a graduating senior from Bellevue East, The student’s family must be a member of St. Mary’s Parish, St. Matthew’s Parish or Our Lady of Peace Offutt Catholic Chapel. A fourth $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a relative of an active or deceased member of Council 6192.

**BELLEVUE MASONIC LODGE #325 SCHOLARSHIP** Award: Varies

Criteria: Offered to a senior in the Bellevue Community who demonstrates good citizenship and high moral character. This award is granted without regard to scholastic standing or parental finances.

# BELLEVUE/OFFUTT KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP Award: $1,000

Criteria: Offered to a senior who plans to attend college or a vocational school. Selection is based on academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, work experience and future goals.

**BELLEVUE POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** Award: Varies

Criteria: This is offered to one Bellevue East or West senior and can be used at the college or vocational school of your choice. Considers academic performance, extracurricular involvement, and a positive attitude toward school. Student must rank in the top half of the class with an ACT composite score between 17 and 24 (no higher).

**BELLEVUE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $1,000

Criteria: This is a scholarship for a senior who plans to attend college or a vocational school in Nebraska. All students are encouraged to apply. Considers academic performance with an ACT score ranging from 20 to 26 and involvement in activities.

**BERTHA BARBER ELEM PTA** Award: $250

Criteria: Students must have attended Bertha Barber for 1 year. Students must be planning to attend a college, vocational school or the military.

**BETZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $100

Criteria: Offered to two Bellevue East or West seniors who attended Betz Elementary School for at least THREE years. This scholarship may be used for college or a vocational school.

**CHIEFTAIN FBLA SCHOLARSHIP** Award: Varies

Criteria: Offered to seniors who have participated in FBLA and who plan to attend a college or technical school. Considers academics, extracurricular activities, offices held, and honors. Emphasis will be given to those students planning to major in business or a related field who have been active in FBLA and have completed more than one business class.

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA: ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $200

Criteria: Offered to one Bellevue East or West senior who displays high moral character, values, and citizenship. Student must also rank in the top 30% of the class and plan a career in teaching.

**EARL CARLYLE EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $2,000

Criteria: Offered in memory of Earl Carlyle (Bellevue High Class of ’73), a respected Bellevue tradesman and business owner who passed away in 2011 after making a career of working with his hands his entire life. Two Bellevue East seniors who plan to learn a trade at any technical school or community college will be selected. Considers academic potential and motivation for learning a trade. Requires an essay explaining your goals to work in a technical career or become a skilled craftsman and how you see this scholarship helping you reach that goal. You must include an extra letter of recommendation from a non-family member in the community who can vouch for your potential to succeed in your chosen trade.

# EMILY ELLE GARCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Award: $250

Criteria: Offered in memory of Emily Elle Garcia to one senior who was a member of the Bellevue East softball team senior year and finished the season in good standing. Minimum GPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 scale and a minimum ACT score of 21 is required. You must include an essay describing what it meant to be a member of the Bellevue East softball program. (250 words or less)

# FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP Award: $250

Criteria: Offered to seniors who attended Fairview Elementary School for at least one year and now plan to attend a college or vocational school.

# FIRST INTERSTATE BANK SCHOLARSHIP Award: $300

Criteria: Offered to a senior who plans to attend college or a vocational school. Preference will be given to students with financial need. Requires a GPA between 3.5 and 4.5/5.0 and solid grades during first senior semester.

# LEONARD LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP Award: $250

Criteria: This award is offered to four Bellevue East or West seniors who previously attended Leonard Lawrence Elementary School for at least two years. The student must be planning to attend a college or vocational school in the fall.

**LT COL NOVAK MEMORIAL JROTC SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $1,000

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a senior at Bellevue East who is enrolled in the JROTC program in honor of a former Bellevue East JROTC instructor. The student must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or other technical training program. Selection is based on potential for academic success, leadership, and could take financial need into consideration.

**PAULA ANTICOLLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (UNL)** Award: Varies

Criteria: Offered to one female Bellevue East or West senior who plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and who participated in sports in high school. Applicants should possess a positive attitude, be active in community projects, and display evidence of high moral and ethical standards.

# REX AND LOIS CADWALLADER SCHOLARSHIP Award: $500

# Criteria: Offered to a Bellevue East or West senior planning to pursue a teaching career. Selection is based on grades, activities, and financial need.

**RYAN DAVID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** Award $1000

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a senior at Bellevue East who is enrolled in the JROTC program in honor of a former Bellevue East High School Student. The student must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or other technical training program. This is not a merit-based scholarship but will be awarded based on personal values, character, commitment to the community, and JROTC service.

On July 1, 2012, Major Ryan Scott David was one of four airmen killed in action after their C-130 (MAFFS 7) crashed while fighting the White Draw Fire near Edgemont, South Dakota. Before becoming a highly decorated navigator for the North Carolina National Guard (NCANG) of the 145th Airlift Wing, Ryan completed over ten years of active duty service in the U.S. Air Force.

\*Extra material required\*

**SAMANTHA SMEBY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARHIP** AWARD: 500

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a senior at Bellevue East. They must be an active cheerleader or Dance team member their Senior year. (exception can/will be made if discussed at the start of cheer season example: girls wrestling) Achieve a C (2.0) GPA average. Have volunteer hours outside of school is encouraged but not required. You will need to write an essay answering the question “How are you a leader even when not given a leadership title?”

# SGT. LONNIE CALVIN ALLEN, JR. SCHOLARSHIP Award: $300 (1st Semester), $200 (2nd Semester)

Criteria: In memory of a 1998 Bellevue East graduate who gave his life as an Army soldier in Baghdad, Iraq on May 18, 2006, this scholarship is offered to a Bellevue East and Bellevue West senior who will attend any post-secondary institution. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is not in the top half of the class, but who has participated in community service and has been a good citizen at home, at school, and in the community.

# T. J. KINNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Award: $500

# Criteria: Offered to a senior in memory of a former Bellevue East student. Selection is based on leadership and participation in a variety of school activities. The student must rank in the top half of the class.

# TWIN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP Award: $200

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a Bellevue East and West senior who previously attended Twin Ridge Elementary School for at least one year. To be considered for this award, the student must include a brief summary of their activities and memories of their time at Twin Ridge.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10727 SCHOLARSHIP** Award: $250

Criteria: Offered to a Bellevue East and West Senior who is a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a veteran or current active duty military member. Must be planning to pursue a degree at a 2- or 4-year college or university in Nebraska. Requires evidence of the parent's or grandparent's military service (such as a copy of their DD Form 214 or Active Duty Orders).

**VETERANS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION JROTC SCHOLARSHIP** Award: Varies

Criteria: Offered to JROTC members who will enroll in an ROTC program at a college or university.

**WAKE ROBIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP** Award: up to $500

Criteria: The Wake Robin PTA is offering a scholarship to one Bellevue East or West student who attended Wake Robin Elementary School for at least FOUR years. Requires rank in the top half of the class and an ACT score of 20 or better. This may be used for college or a vocational school.

**NOTE:** Some of the scholarships in this package require paperwork to be submitted in addition to the normal application package. If you checked off any of the following scholarships and want to be considered, please remember to turn in the required documents **before the application deadline**:

# AMERICAN LEGION: MARTIN GRAVES POST 339 SCHOLARSHIP

**Extra Material Required:**  Evidence of the parent's or grandparent's military service (such as a copy of their DD Form 214 or Active Duty Orders). Please put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate the relationship of that person to you. (e.g., “Grandfather of Charlie Chieftain”)

**BARBARA J. & DEAN L. OGREN SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:**  Student must write a brief statement explaining his or her future goals and career choices. Requires two letters of recommendation from any of the following: teacher, club sponsor, school administrator, employer, or community leader. One letter must be from school personnel.

**BELLEVUE EAST THEATRE BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:** Include on a separate sheet of paper two additional hand-written essays (each 250 words or less), one that details your college plans and another that explains why you deserve the Bellevue East Theatre Boosters Scholarship. Be sure to put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate in your heading which scholarship the information relates to.

**BELLEVUE JUNIOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:** A short statement on one 8 ½” X 11” sheet of paper that lists activities with BJSA and in high school sports. Be sure to put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate in your heading which scholarship the information relates to. Please list any involvement with BJSA, even if it occurred before high school.

**EARL CARLYLE EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:** Include an essay on a separate sheet of paper explaining your vocational goals and how this scholarship will help you learn the technical skills required to reach that goal. Be sure to put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate in your heading which scholarship the information relates to. Also include a second letter of recommendation from a community member who can vouch for your potential in your chosen trade.

**EMILY ELLE GARCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required**: Include a short essay (250 words or less) describing what it meant to you to be a member of the Bellevue East softball program. Be sure to put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate in your heading which scholarship the information relates to.

**TWIN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:** The student must include a separate sheet of paper with a brief summary of their activities and memories of their time at Twin Ridge. Be sure to put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate in your heading which scholarship the information relates to.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10727 SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:**  Evidence of the parent's or grandparent's military service (such as a copy of their DD Form 214 or Active Duty Orders). Please put your name in the top right corner of the page and indicate the relationship of this person to you. (e.g., “Grandfather of Charlie Chieftain”)

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**STEENSON/ ALFF SCHOLARSHIP**

**Extra Material Required:** Please provide a paragraph or two about yourself. You may include things such as how this scholarship will help you, What/Who inspired you to consider a teaching career and your goals in the educational world.

**RYAN DAVID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

***Essay Prompt:***

Family was an integral role and support for Major Ryan David’s success in strengthening his character, pursuing his goals, and remaining dedicated despite personal adversity. In 250 words, please describe who or what supported you in improving your character and achieving your goals throughout your high school career and in the JROTC. Please submit your essay in a separate document attached to this application.

***Personal Information:***

**I. Cadet’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Years in the JROTC:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Cadet Ranks Achieved by Year:**

* Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Junior: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Senior: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_