

Scott Menke Summit Scholarship Application Guidelines



Scott Menke Summit Scholarship Purpose Statement:

The Scott Menke Summit Scholarship was created to honor the memory of a treasured Healy youth whose life was too brief. Scott avidly participated in Denali Education Center's Denali Discovery Camp and championed the creation of Denali Backcountry Adventures for high school-aged students. Denali Education Center and the Menke family created the Scott Menke Memorial Fund to honor his memory and benefit the students of Denali Borough School District. In addition to the Scott Menke Summit Scholarship, the fund also supports the youth programs of Denali Education Center.

Scott was considerate of others, loved and respected his family, was an enthusiastic athlete, a natural peer leader, and a vibrant young man with a robust love of life. The Scott Menke Summit Scholarship strives to encourage these qualities in the students of Denali Borough School District by awarding money in Scott's name to worthy students. Working together, we inspire future generations to embody the incomparable spirit Scott shared with us.

The Scott Menke Summit Scholarship is available to all graduating Denali Borough students pursuing a post-secondary education or trade school. Scholarships will be determined by an impartial advisory board of 5 to 7 members. This somewhat "unconventional" scholarship is not strictly based upon academic merit but is weighted with emphasis on character as well. The strongest candidates will demonstrate traits similar to those possessed by Scott – a good friend and peer leader who has had a positive influence in the community and who is involved in extracurricular activities.

Applications should either be mailed to the Denali Education Center, P.O. Box 212, Denali Park, AK 99755 and postmarked no later than **Friday April 8, 2024**, or emailed to youth@denali.org before 6:00 pm on **Friday April 8, 2024**.

Please be sure to include:

1. The completed application form with all questions answered to the best of your abilities.
2. A brief (one page) essay that describes your personality, how you most enjoy spending your time and why.
3. A reference letter, **written by a peer** (not a teacher or other adult), which identifies the qualities they most admire about you. Include that person's name, address and telephone number.
4. A copy of your high school transcript.

The top three applicants chosen will receive \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000 respectively. **All scholarships will be awarded after submitting transcripts showing completion of at least one semester of trade school, university/college, or post-secondary education and within 12 months of high school graduation.**

Funds for the scholarship are mainly raised through the Healy Tundra Challenge golf tournament and other Denali Education Center fundraising activities, including direct donors. Scholarship winners and their families will be encouraged to support these fundraising efforts to make this scholarship possible for future students.

**Application – Scott Menke Summit Scholarship
Application Deadline – April 8, 2024**

Applicant

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Social Security Number _____

Email Address (applicable after graduation)

Parent or Guardian

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Relationship to applicant _____

Post Secondary School Data

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend (If unknown, list in order of preference where you have applied)

_____ City _____ State _____

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Major Course of Study _____ Anticipated year of Graduation _____

Anticipated Degree:

Estimated yearly tuition including housing, books, etc. _____

Activities, Awards and Honors – First, list all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). Next, list all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past four years (e.g., charity work, art or craft work, volunteer work, etc.) Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	No. Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held	Activity	No. Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

Work Experience – Describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Employer/Position	Dates Worked From/To	Hours per Week	Pay Rate

General Household Income & Education Information (Required)-to be filled out by applicant's parent or guardian.

Number of adults contributing to the household income _____

Total number of immediate family members attending college during the next school year (not including applicant) and estimated cost from the family budget for that (those) student(s) (i.e., one sibling attending college receiving \$5,000 family support) _____

Total number of minor/dependent children supported by the household _____

Applicant's Financial Data

Total of other scholarships or financial aid applied for and/or awarded _____

Amount personally saved and set aside for tuition and expenses _____

Additional Required Information to be included with your application

On a separate sheet, please write a brief (one page) essay that describes your personality, how you most enjoy spending your time and why.

Provide a reference letter, written by a peer or friend, which identifies the qualities they most admire about you. Include that person's name, address and telephone number.

Provide a copy of your high school transcript of grades.

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