

Ralph Nickell Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: To honor the memory of Ralph Nickell by providing scholarships to those pursuing higher education.

Background: Ralph valued modeling children into healthy, kind, productive adults. He enjoyed teaching young children life skills and mentoring young adults into good people. He was able to see the good in people and help develop those qualities. Ralph was very involved in the local Mason Lodge and lived by those principals. He graduated from Parker Rural High School. Ralph attended Allen County Community College where he ran on the cross-country team until he entered the Navy during the Vietnam conflict. He was quiet but strong. Ralph had a life long love for rodeo and rural life. He grew up training and breaking horses. He was the owner/operator of Nickell Drilling until his passing. Throughout his life he stayed involved with rodeo sports in one way or another. He participated in various events in his younger days and then settled down to team roping. Ralph also judged events and traveled to watch and enjoy local and national rodeos and events. He shared rodeo with his children and made many great memories with them around the country life.

Funding: Funding for the scholarship is provided by proceeds from the annual Ralph Nickell Memorial Team Roping and by private donations.

Structure of Scholarship: Two scholarships will be awarded each year. The scholarship amount will vary depending on funding. This year scholarships will be \$500-\$1500. All funds raised through the Ralph Nickell Memorial Team Roping and private donations will be dispersed to students. Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors as well as those already attending higher education institutions. Preference will be given to those who participate in rodeo sports, promote rural/agricultural life or carry on the spirit of Ralph.

Qualified Applicants must:

1. Be a United States resident or permanent resident.
2. Have graduated or be a graduate candidate from an accredited high school or
3. Have completed and passed a GED program.
4. Be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in a 2 year or 4 year college or university or approved vocational training program.
5. Complete an application form.
5. Provide 2 character reference letters from non-family members.
6. Write an essay about yourself, your background, your financial need and your future plans.
7. Be available for a short interview, by phone or in person, with the scholarship committee.

Scholarship winners must provide information about their higher learning institution to the scholarship committee for disbursement.

Scholarship winners or representative will be asked to attend the Ralph Nickell Memorial Roping. Ralph Nickell Memorial Roping event details will be announced at a later date.

Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

High School attended and date of graduation: _____

Higher education institution attended and dates: _____

Degree seeking: _____

Progress of degree if applicable: (example-hours completed vs. hours needed for degree)

High School Grade Point Avg: _____ College Grade Point Avg: _____ ACT Score: _____

Extra-curricular activities: _____

Community involvement: _____

Work history: _____

Deadline Date: April 5, 2013

Complete applications can be mailed and/or e-mailed to: Christina Nickell 6391 W. 1900 Rd.,
Parker, KS 66072 or trixie_pv@yahoo.com.