

BILL H. DARNELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

As the founding Director of the Ardmore Higher Education Center (now Murray State College Ardmore), Bill H. Darnell had a vision for providing higher education opportunities for the citizens of Southern Oklahoma. Mr. Darnell was greatly admired as an advocate for higher education.

Please read all instructions carefully. Deadline for submitting is September 24, 2026

Name _____ Student ID# _____ or Last 4 of SSN _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Field of Study _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

The applicant is responsible for demonstrating their eligibility for this scholarship. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CRITERIA

Legal resident of Southern Oklahoma - Applicant's domicile (true, permanent home and the place they intend to return to after any temporary absences) must be in Carter, Garvin, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Murray, or Stephens Co.

High School Graduate - If applicant has never studied at a higher education institution before, they must be a high school graduate with at least a 2.5 GPA OR an ACT score of 19 or higher.

Good academic standing with all higher education institutions - If applicant has previously attended, or currently attends, other higher education institutions, they must demonstrate achieving and maintaining a cumulative (or grad/retention) 2.5 GPA or higher.

Have not previously completed a bachelor's degree

Enrolled in six (6) or more credit hours - Study to be conducted in person or online using the Ardmore campus resources of Murray State College or Langston University, during the semester in which the application is made. Zero level classes do not count toward required hours.

Personal skills - Demonstrated leadership roles in school and/or community and exhibited positive congeniality with students, staff, and faculty.

VERIFICATION METHOD

One of the following:

- ☐ A valid Oklahoma driver's license, or
- ☐ a state ID card, or
- ☐ utility bill in the applicant's name

One of the following:

- ☐ HS Transcript, or
- ☐ Evidence of ACT score

- ☐ Provide a complete, comprehensive transcript that includes all prior college courses (it does not need to be official)

- ☐ By their signature on the application, the applicant affirms that they have not previously completed a bachelor's degree

- ☐ Copy of enrollment for the current semester,
- ☐ Copy of most recent billing statement, and
- ☐ Student Aid Index (SAI)

- ☐ A 1-page personal statement

All information in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, I give my past college or university permission to discuss my academic records which are pertinent to this scholarship selection, including my grades, bill, and financial aid with the scholarship selection committee.

Applicant signature

Date