

March 10, 2025

Dear Guidance Counselor or Student Services Representative:

I would like to inform you of a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors. In 2007, the High Plains Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the National Weather Association (NWA) established the Jim Johnson scholarship. The AMS and NWA are professional organizations, their mission being to support and promote excellence in meteorology and related fields. The High Plains chapter represents members in western and central Kansas, as well as western and central Nebraska. Jim was one of the instrumental people who helped start the chapter in 1996. His weather career spanned several decades, first with the U.S. Air Force and then with the National Weather Service. Jim retired as a National Weather Service Lead Forecaster from the Dodge City, Kansas office in September, 2006. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson passed away in 2022.

Our chapter awards a \$500 scholarship annually to a high school senior that will be pursuing a career in one of the physical sciences (e.g. Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, as well as Earth Sciences including geology, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, and soil science). The scholarship is also open to those going into the teaching profession in the physical sciences. The student must be currently attending a high school in the forecast and warning area of one of the following National Weather Service Offices; Dodge City and Goodland, Kansas, as well as North Platte and Hastings, Nebraska. If you are receiving this letter, your students are eligible to apply. Specifics of the scholarship application process are listed below.

- (1) Applicant will provide proof of acceptance to a college with a physical science major.
- (2) Applicant will write a one page essay stating what they plan to do in the physical sciences once they receive their degree, and how it will contribute to their discipline.
- (3) The format of the essay should be 12 point font, double spaced.
- (4) Application deadline is April 30, 2025.
- (5) Scholarship will be awarded around June 1, 2025.
- (6) Scholarship is non-renewable.

Applications should be sent to:

National Weather Service
ATTN: Aaron Johnson
104 Airport Rd
Dodge City, Kansas 67801

If you have any questions, please contact me either by phone at (620) 225-6746 ext. 766 or by email at aaron.johnson@noaa.gov



Sincerely,

Aaron Johnson

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Committee Member for the Jim Johnson Scholarship