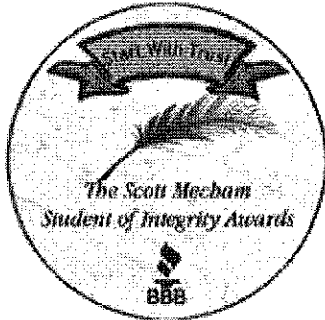


## ***BBB Student of Integrity Award Scholarships***



The annual BBB Student of Integrity Awards program is sponsored by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Foundation. These scholarships were established to honor the memory of Mr. Scott Mecham who served as BBB president from 1991 until January 2006. Twelve \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who reside in the geographic area served by the BBB - Metro Omaha/Southwest Iowa, Metro Lincoln/Greater Nebraska, South Dakota and The Kansas Plains.

All high schools located in the BBB's service area are invited to identify students of integrity that are high school seniors. The Student of Integrity Award scholarships are not based on ethnicity or grade point average. These awards recognize students that personify values, leadership and integrity.

For more information, please contact BBB Communications Director Margo Riekes at 402-898-8526 or 800-649-6814 #8526.

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Entries must be submitted as a package and include all of the items listed below. Each item should be labeled and typed on a separate 8.5"x11" sheet of paper.

### Scholarship Award Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Application Form
  - \_\_\_\_\_ B. Description and dates of school-related extracurricular activities: include awards/honors and/or offices held
  - \_\_\_\_\_ C. Description and dates of participation in any work experiences, community activities and/or organizational participation: include awards/honors and/or offices held
- Note: Items B and C may be listed on a single page in two separate lists**
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Two letters of recommendation: one from a school official and one from an employer, community leader or a representative from a religious institution—the **online Recommendation Form at [bbbinc.org](http://bbbinc.org) should be used**
    - 1) You send the link to the people who are recommending you, and they can fill it out online, print it and give it to you for submission with the rest of your application materials **or**
    - 2) You send the link to the people who are recommending you, and they can write their own recommendation in a separate letter, attach it to the Recommendation Form and give it to you for submission with the rest of your application materials
  - \_\_\_\_\_ E. Description of post-secondary education plans
  - \_\_\_\_\_ F. Provide one of the following:
    - 1) If attending an accredited high school, a photo copy of the most recent transcript **or**
    - 2) A photo copy of ACT or SAT score
  - \_\_\_\_\_ G. Response to the following essay topic: **single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1" margins and approximately 500 words in length**

### Essay:

Discuss an ethical dilemma in one of the following areas: business, politics or an issue in your community. State the dilemma and give specific examples of how the matter affects you and others. Explain how your philosophy of ethics, trust and integrity guides the choices faced in solving the problem.

Retain a copy of your completed entry. All materials submitted become the property of Better Business Bureau, Inc.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

**Omaha Metro Area/  
Southwest Iowa Residents**  
mail to:

Margo Riekes  
Better Business Bureau  
11811 P St  
Omaha, NE 68137

**Lincoln Metro Area/  
Greater Nebraska Residents**  
mail to:

Teresa Stichter Fritz  
Better Business Bureau  
300 N 44th St Suite 100  
Lincoln, NE 68503

**South Dakota Residents**  
mail to:

Jessie Schmidt  
Better Business Bureau  
300 N Phillips Ave Suite 100  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Kansas Plains Residents**  
mail to:

Denise Groene  
Better Business Bureau  
125 S Washington St Suite 100  
Wichita, KS 67202

## DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, March 10, 2017.**

## QUESTIONS

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## 2017 APPLICATION GUIDE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**The Scott Mecham BBB Student of Integrity Awards have been established to:**

- honor the memory of Scott Mecham who served as the Better Business Bureau President from 1991 until January 2006.
- recognize high school seniors who personify the values of leadership and integrity that Mr. Mecham exemplified - humility, courage, compassion and respect.
- emphasize the importance of ethical behavior, community service and academic accomplishments.
- strengthen BBB ties to the communities it serves.
- establish relationships with future business leaders.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Qualifies as a high school senior
- Plans to continue education after high school graduation
- Resides in BBB's service area - Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains (all counties except: Franklin, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte) or Southwest Iowa (includes: Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie and Shelby counties)

### AWARDS & JUDGING CRITERIA

**Three \$2,000 scholarships will be presented to students from each of the following areas:**

1. Omaha Metro Area /Southwest Iowa
2. Lincoln Metro Area /Greater Nebraska
3. South Dakota
4. The Kansas Plains

*Scholarship recipients will be selected by independent panels of judges from the academic and business communities in Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux Falls and Wichita and will be awarded based on the following judging criteria:*

- Essay Content=50%
- Community Service=20%
- Leadership=20%
- Recommendations=5%
- Academic=5%

The names of the twelve award winners will be announced by Better Business Bureau in April 2017.

Award winners will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to an accredited school/college of their choice. Scholarships will be distributed directly to their post-secondary institutions upon verification of enrollment.

Scholarships must be applied toward tuition and/or room and board.

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## 2017 APPLICATION FORM

**Complete and print this form and submit with your scholarship application package.**

**Judges will not consider incomplete applications.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I learned about this scholarship:

Scholarship Website \_\_\_\_\_ BBB Website \_\_\_\_\_ School Official \_\_\_\_\_ School Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **I HAVE ENCLOSED ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CHECKLIST FOUND IN THE APPLICATION GUIDE.**

By submitting an entry for the Scott Mecham BBB Student of Integrity Awards, I certify that the statements contained in this application packet are true, accurate and complete. I understand and agree that any scholarship funds received will be distributed directly to my post-secondary institution upon verification of enrollment.

I also agree that this entry becomes the property of BBB, and my name and essay may be released to the public and news media.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline:** All materials for scholarship consideration must be submitted together, and your entry packet must be postmarked by **Friday, March 10, 2017.**

**\*Please note:** Applications cannot be submitted electronically. See Application Guide submission procedure.

## 2017 BBB Student of Integrity Awards



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_