

Ántonia Scholarship



- Purpose:** The Ántonia Scholarship was created to honor Annie Sadilek Pavelka, prototype for both Ántonia Shimerda in Cather's novel *My Ántonia* Mary Rosicky in Cather's short story "Neighbour Rosicky." The scholarship provides financial assistance to a graduate of a high school based in the United States of America who is planning to enroll as an English or History major at an accredited college or university.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be high school seniors who are prospective first year college students and plan to continue their education as English or History majors in accredited colleges or universities. Selection is based on intellectual promise, creativity and character of the applicant.
- Financial Data:** The \$1,000 scholarship is payable at the beginning of the first year of college and the scholarship is not renewable.
- Number Awarded:** One each year.
- Deadline:** February 28 annually
- Submit to:** Ántonia Scholarship Program
The Willa Cather Foundation
413 North Webster Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970
(402) 746-2653 / (866) 731-7304

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

These must be included with your application for the *Ántonia* Scholarship:

1. High School Transcript
2. A letter of recommendation from your English or History teacher
3. The four-page application
4. Original 1,500-word essay (See Essay Question)

ESSAY QUESTION

Please write an approximately 1,500 word essay of your own choosing on Cather's novel *My Ántonia* or her short story "Neighbour Rosicky." You may comment on what impresses you in the work(s) such as various scenes, characters, theme, style, language, or the like. It is also permissible to use a previous essay you might have written on Cather and one that you can adapt to the guidelines. You must, however, use the following guidelines:

- A. Illustrate your comments with an occasional quotation from the primary source and include the page number for the quotation.
- B. List correctly the edition of the Cather work you are using on the Works Cited page by using the MLA style.
- C. Your readers know the selected Cather works quite well, so please do not offer plot summaries.
- D. Do not forget to title your paper.
- E. The recipient is invited to read his/her essay at the Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud, which is held annually on the first weekend of June. Details about presentations will be sent to scholarship winners.

Community Activities

(List those in which you have taken part; the positions you have held; any recognition you received and the school year in which you participated.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>School Yr.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Activities

(List those of the past three years, either for your family or outside employers.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>School Yr.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you feel your grades are an accurate index of your ability? _____

Please explain: _____

Special recognition for outstanding academic work, such as honors, prizes, scholarships:

College or colleges you plan to attend (list in order of college choice):

1. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

2. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

3. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

Is there other information that might be relevant to your application? If so, please include it here.

**IMPORTANT: ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 28.**

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**Letter to support application to the Antonia Scholarship
of the Willa Cather Foundation**

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Person Writing Letter _____

(Optional) I hereby waive the right provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) to view this letter of recommendation in my file at the Willa Cather Foundation.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(The applicant should complete the items above and give this form to the English or History teacher well acquainted with his or her education and abilities.

Instructions to the writer: Please comment in detail and state the basis for your judgment regarding the applicant's ability to carry on college work with a major in English or History.

Mail the completed form and letter to:

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Signature _____ Date _____

Title/Position _____

Institution/Organization and Address _____

Phone (____) _____