Dear UCO 180 Scholar Applicant,

Enclosed is the 180 Scholar Program Scholarship Application Packet for the 2014-2015 academic year. The application is due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2014 in the UCO Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Only completed application packets will be eligible for review.

Your completed scholarship application packet contains the following documents in this order:

1. Application Cover sheet
2. Application Form
3. Personal Background Statements (Instructions on application form)
4. Official Transcript(s)
5. List of 2-3 Professional Reference Letters

Please visit the Office of Student Conduct website at www.uco.edu/conduct throughout the academic year for more information about benefits of the 180 Scholar program, the services of the Office of Student Conduct, and the multitude of events sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs the University of Central Oklahoma.

To receive further information, address any concerns, or pose any questions, please contact the Director of Student Conduct, Adrienne Martinez at (405) 974-2361 or amartinez9@uco.edu.
180 Scholar Program Description:

The primary purpose for the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) 180 Scholar Program is to provide a second opportunity at higher education for students who have made poor life decisions which led to emotional, social, institutional disciplinary and/or legal hardships in life. This second opportunity encourages students to turn from a previous destructive lifestyle and commit to a productive and positive future. In addition, the 180 Scholar Program aims to cultivate leadership characteristics within each of its participants and allow them to share their transformation with others who may be seeking a similar change in their lives. The leadership tools acquired while participating in the 180 Scholar program will be applicable to a multitude of educational job markets and entrepreneurial opportunities. Moreover, the 180 Scholar exemplifies hope, determination, discipline, and character.

180 Scholar Program Scholarship Qualification Criteria:

- A graduate from high school or GED recipient;
- Must be enrolled full time (12 credit hours or more) at the University of Central Oklahoma during the semester(s) awarded;
- At least a 2.3 cumulative grade point average;
- Completed Scholarship Application;
- No law infractions or institutional disciplinary actions (academic or behavior) within the past six (6) months;
- Background check;
- No previous convictions of violent crimes within the past five (5) years; and
- No previous charges or convictions of major violent crimes (i.e. any form of sexual assault, homicide, bomb threats, hate crimes, terrorism, etc.).

1st Year Scholarship Benefits and Retention Criteria:

- Recipient will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship benefit towards tuition, fees, and/or books.
- Attend 1-on-1 progress update meetings per month with Director of Student Conduct.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average per semester throughout 1st year term.
- Attend and participate in the Career Services Career Chats lecture series.
- Attend and participate in the Committee on Student Conduct member training and subsequent cases.
- Complete a research project or assist Director of Student Conduct with 2 promotional speeches at selected public schools about the 180 Scholar program.
- Maintain full-time enrollment status of at least 12 credit hours per fall and spring semesters.

***If retention criteria is not met, then the scholarship will be revoked for the remainder of the year.

Goals and measurable objectives:

- To provide financial assistance to students;
- To assist students in positively transforming behavior and attitude;
- To improve cumulative grade point averages;
- To participate in a full year of the UCO Career Services Career Chats lecture Series;
- To assist in accomplishing the goal of graduation; and
- To assist in jumpstarting a career by acquiring a professional development skillset via a relationship with UCO career services.
2014 – 2015
180 SCHOLAR PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVERSHEET

Name: ________________________________

Date: _________________________________

Please attach this coversheet to your entire application packet and return completed to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Lillard Administration Building, Room 213.
180 Scholar Program
2014 – 2015 Student Scholarship Application

Student Profile

Full Legal Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) Please Print

Student/Banner ID Number

Email Address

Primary Phone #

Intended Major / Field of Study entering UCO

Secondary Phone #

Please check the appropriate classification below:

□ Freshmen/Sophomore

□ Junior/Senior

□ Graduate Student

Current Reliable Address:

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes or No

Date of Birth _______/_______/_______

Do you pay: (Please circle the appropriate answer.)

□ In-state Tuition

□ Out-of-State Tuition

Are you receiving any Financial Aid, Pell Grants, or other Scholarships? Yes or No

If yes, please disclose your other financial assistance for the upcoming academic year.

How many credit hours do you plan to enroll in for each term in 2014-2015?

Fall 2014: Spring 2015: Summer 2015:

Educational History

High School: Attendance Dates: Did you graduate? (Last Attended)

Yes / No / N/A If so, when?

Did you successfully complete a General Education Degree? Yes / No / N/A
Please list any and all previously attended technical or trade schools, colleges, universities, or institutions of higher education.

(REMEMBER: THAT FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ACCURATE INFORMATION OR ANY ATTEMPTS TO OMIT INFORMATION FROM THIS SECTION MAY AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALITY YOUR APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION.)

1)  
Name of College/University __________________________ City and State __________________________ From Month/Yr. ___________ To Month/Yr ___________  
Degree(s) Earned __________________________

2)  
Name of College/University __________________________ City and State __________________________ From Month/Yr. ___________ To Month/Yr ___________  
Degree(s) Earned __________________________

3)  
Name of College/University __________________________ City and State __________________________ From Month/Yr. ___________ To Month/Yr ___________  
Degree(s) Earned __________________________

**Personal Background Statements**

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a violation of policy at a previous high school, technical or trade school, college, university, or institution of higher education, which resulted in you being placed on probation, suspension, or expulsion? Yes or No

2. If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application. Please type the explanation.

3. Did you learn anything from the violation and consequential experience? Yes or No

4. If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application. Please type the explanation.

5. Have you ever been charged with a criminal offense, misdemeanor or felony? Yes or No

6. Please explain the outcome on a separate sheet of paper.

7. Did you learn anything from the violation and consequential experience? Yes or No

8. If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application. Please type the explanation.

9. In 500 words or less, please answer the following questions:
   a. How did you find out about the availability of this scholarship?
   b. Why are you applying specifically for the 180 Scholar Program scholarship?
   c. Why should the scholarship be awarded to you?
   d. Explain your plan to overcome and persevere through the hardships you have encountered in your life.
   e. How do you feel the 180 Scholar Program can assist you in accomplishing your college and career goals?
   f. How can the 180 Scholar Program be utilized to positively impact others in the future?
References

Please provide 2-3 professional reference letters which would provide insight about your character, ability to persevere, and any example(s) of how you have responded to any trials and/or hardships in your life to this point. Each reference letter should be separate and attached in the order as specified on the applicant cover letter.

Note: Typically, professional reference letters will not be composed by family members. Many professional reference letters are requested from former and/or current teachers, supervisors/priests, coaches, guidance counselors, and colleagues from the same field of work.

Agreements
Certification – To Be Signed By All Applicants

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, do you agree to allow your name, photo, and/or biographical information to be released to the scholarship donor and to be used in any publication with the scholarship?  ___ Yes  ___ No

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you may be required to write a thank you note to the scholarship donor(s). In addition, you may be required to attend two (2) annual events

1) An annual Student Awards Banquet and/or
2) A 180 Scholar Benefits Dinner

If you are selected as the recipient of the scholarship award, you will receive advanced notice of the aforementioned events and the corresponding details.

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, I hereby authorize the University of Central Oklahoma to release the scholarship application information provided by me, as well as other official and unofficial University of Central Oklahoma information regarding my academic progress and status, to the 180 Scholar Program donor(s) for the purpose of providing the donor(s) with information concerning my eligibility as a scholarship recipient for the 180 Scholar Program. I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of any scholarship received or may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the University of Central Oklahoma Code of Student Conduct.

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Applicant Signature       Date

Please return this application to the following location:

University of Central Oklahoma
Office of Student Conduct
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Lillard Administration Building, Room 213
Box 158
Edmond, OK  73034