

DONNIE BICKHAM AWARD

Donnie Bickham was a graduate of the Class of 1970. He was an outstanding athlete who demonstrated his passion and talent in sports and every time he competed. He was also involved in many organizations on campus and maintained a high GPA that earned him a scholarship to Baylor University. Donnie Bickham was killed by a drunk driver on his way home from Baylor in 1973. His legacy of hard work, determination and excellence is honored each year with one recipient who meets all the criteria.

-One senior will receive this award.

Qualifications for the Donnie Bickham Award

1. Must have played 2 varsity sports in the same year - cannot be just on the roster; must have played and excelled in the sports
2. Must portray high moral character
3. Must have NO suspensions in 4 years at NHS
4. Must have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
5. Must be currently active in 2 organizations

MARILYN BEACH SCHOLARSHIP

The Marilyn Beach Scholarship was established in honor of long-time NHS educator, Mrs. Marilyn Beach. Mrs. Beach was known for her love of education and her mastery of the English language. She challenged students daily, and she never accepted anything less than their best. While Mrs. Beach has been retired since 2014, her impact on the Northwood community has lived on through her children, her community service, and now this scholarship. This scholarship was founded in 2023 with a generous donation of \$5000 by Mr. Beau Wellborn, a former student of Mrs. Beach who credits his success in life to the lessons he learned from her high expectations of every student she encountered. Students who apply for this scholarship must read a novel and respond to writing prompts provided by Mrs. Beach. Applicants must also submit an academic resume.

Qualifications for the Marilyn Beach Scholarship

1. Student must be a current year senior.
2. Student must be currently enrolled in Honors (or Above) level English class
3. Student must complete reading & writing assignment assigned by Mrs. Beach or her proxy by the deadline.
4. Student must submit an academic resume by the deadline.

POWELL A. LAYTON AWARD

Dr. Layton was an outstanding community member for many years. He is the first principal of Northwood High School, which opened as a Jr./Sr. high school in 1967. He served as principal for six years when he retired to finish up his doctorate's degree. Since then, he served numerous community leadership roles, including executive director of Caddo Association of Educators, adjunct teacher at Centenary College, a member of the Alliance for Education, and President of the Caddo Retired Teachers Association. Of all his accomplishments, Dr. Layton says his greatest pleasure was teaching the Senior Men's Sunday School Class at Trinity Heights Baptist Church where he and his wife were members. It is our honor to be able to provide a deserving senior with a scholarship in Dr. Layton's name.

Qualifications for the Powell A. Layton Award

1. Student must be a graduating senior at Northwood High School
2. Student must be service-oriented and people-oriented
3. Student must have shown leadership ability including good character and personality
4. Student must be well respected by peers
5. Student must have exhibited good citizenship and sound judgment
6. Student must have proven scholastic achievement and a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
7. Student must plan to attend a college or university.

SANDY MIKESELL AWARD

Sandy Mikesell was the loving mother of three Falcon alums: Bill, Trevor, and Charley. While Mrs. Mikesell suffered from debilitating medical conditions, she was an amazing community member who spent a large majority of her time helping others in need. Each Fall she would make Homecoming corsages for students who could not afford them. She also volunteered at St. Pius Catholic Church where she was a member until her death.

Qualifications for the Sandy Mikesell Award

1. Nominees must be a graduating senior at Northwood High School
2. Nominees must have made positive contributions to Northwood.
3. Nominees must have shown leadership ability including good character and personality.
4. Nominees must have proven scholastic achievement and a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
5. Nominees must plan to attend a college or university.

JOHN MUSIAL SCHOLARSHIP

John Musial grew up in coal-mining country in Pennsylvania. There he learned the value of family and a strong work ethic. He played football in high school and was recruited by Tulane in New Orleans. There he met the love of his life and married, having three daughters. John also fell in love with the people of Louisiana. And he always had an open heart for those who need a hand. His daughter set up this scholarship in his name, Judy Falgout, to honor his memory and continue his tradition of giving back to the community. This award goes to a student who has an interest in majoring in science--nursing, chemistry, pre-med, physics, etc. Preference is given to students who do not already have a full scholarship.

Scholarship recipient is selected by the Principal's scholarship committee.

Qualifications for the John Musial Scholarship

1. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
2. Student must have at least a 25 on the ACT.

LOUIE SHIVELY SCHOLARSHIP

Louie Shively grew up in Jonesboro, Louisiana. He worked as an electrician his entire life, and taught others his trade. He was a World War II veteran and was stationed in London. He enjoyed being an electrician and he used his trade to meet friends and contribute to the poor, often repairing water wells in rural North Louisiana because he knew simply this was the right thing to do, even if he knew he would not get paid. He would often get paid in squirrels, venison, pecans, or other similar trades, because he felt that he was lucky to have what he had. This scholarship is set up by his grandson, Dr. T. Scott Smith, to encourage graduates to enter trade occupations and perhaps carry on his grandfather's love of contributing to the community.

Qualifications for the Louie Shively Scholarship

1. Student must be in the TOPS Tech graduation pathway.
2. Student must be planning to attend college or technical training after high school.

DANNY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Danny Smith grew up in Blanchard, LA. He graduated from Northwood High School, alongside his two children, Brian Smith and Kristen Watts (Smith). Overall, Danny was a kind and gentle person that brought happiness to those around him. He was active in the Nazarene Church in Blanchard, until his death in the early 2000s. This scholarship is set up by his nephew, Dr. T. Scott Smith, to encourage graduates to enter trade occupations and similarly honor a great man.

Qualifications for the Danny Smith Scholarship

1. Student must be in the TOPS Tech graduation pathway.
2. Student must be planning to attend college or technical training after high school.

JAMES MILLARD SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

James Millard Smith grew up in Malvern, Arkansas, but moved to Shreveport when he was in his early 20s. He was a World War II veteran. He moved from Arkansas to Louisiana to work on many construction projects that were happening in Louisiana at that time, including the construction of the original Northwood High School. He raised four sons, and he resided in Blanchard until his death in 2002. He had one son and two grandchildren graduate from Northwood. Although he only completed the 4th grade, he contributed significantly to the community and his family. His grandson, Dr. T. Scott Smith, set up this scholarship in his name to encourage students to advance their education.

Qualifications for the James Millard Smith Scholarship

1. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
2. Student must be planning to attend college or technical training after high school.
3. Student must have at least a 22 on the ACT.