

2025 Jo Ellen Kelley Simpson Scholarship Application

Mrs. Simpson was a loving, kindergarten teacher who served School District 308 students at Boulder Hill Elementary School for 16 years. She was also committed to lifelong learning. Her commitment to making learning fun while teaching students the skills to read and write were evident to all who knew her. Not one to keep the same lesson plans year after year, Jo was continually improving, always striving to excite her students through new and creative ideas. She was willing to share concepts with colleagues and make learning fun and exciting for her students. Mrs. Simpson provided stability, sincerity and a genuine friendliness to the Boulder Hill Elementary School community.

This scholarship is for two graduating seniors from either Community Unit School District #308 high school and either attended Boulder Hill Elementary or had Mrs. Simpson as a teacher. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 for each student.

This \$500.00 scholarship is a one-time honor.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a 2026 graduating student from either of the SD308 high schools.
2. Applicant should have attended Boulder Hill or have been a student of Mrs. Simpson.
3. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative high school GPA.
4. Financial need is not a basis for receiving this scholarship.
5. Applicant must have applied and received an acceptance letter to a 2/4 year college.
6. Applicant must complete the Simpson/OFEE Scholarship Application and return it to high school's Student Services and specified materials by the application deadline date.

Application:

1. Complete the Simpson/OFEE Scholarship Application.
2. Attach a current copy of official high school transcripts.
3. Attach a letter of acceptance (if available) from college that the applicant plans to attend.
4. Attach a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher.
5. Completed application and attachments need to be returned to high school Student Services by **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**.
6. OFEE Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications.

Distribution of Scholarship:

1. The OFEE Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications.
2. Scholarship recipient will be recognized at his/her high school senior awards night.
3. Disbursement of scholarship funds to recipient will occur at the Senior Awards event.

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**** Scholarship Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Please type entire application (or print legibly with black ink)

Date of Application _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Proposed Major/Field _____

Future Career/Vocation _____

College/School You Plan to Attend _____

Dates Attended Boulder Hill Elementary (required) _____

Semester/Year of First Enrollment in Post-Secondary School _____

Please provide the following information:

(Continue response on the back or attach another sheet, if needed)

1. List your school extracurricular activities.

2. List your community/church service or activities.

3. List your work experience.

4. List your interests and hobbies.

5. Please provide any other information you feel is pertinent to this application.

Written Statement:

(Provide a one-page statement about your future educational and vocational/career goals and how you plan to use the scholarship money.)