Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship

Purpose:	The Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship is named after the granddaughter of John and Annie Sadilek Pavelka, prototypes for both Anton and Ántonia Shimerda in Cather's novel *My Ántonia* and Anton and Mary Rosicky in Cather's short story "Neighbour Rosicky." The scholarship provides financial assistance to a graduate of a Nebraska high school 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 $500 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, 2017.
Submit to:	Antonette Willa Turner 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 Antonette Willa Turner 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 on Friday, June 2, 2017.

ANTONETTE WILLA SKUPA TURNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
OF THE WILLA CATHER FOUNDATION

APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for the Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation and submit the following information:

Name_____

          Last   First   Middle

Mailing Address_____

_____ (____)_____

    City   State   Zip   Phone

Email Address _____

Date of Birth_____

Parents' Name _____

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☐ Yes   I have requested that my high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from my English or History teacher be mailed directly to the Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation.

☐ Yes   I have included a copy of an original essay.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL or GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

_____ _____
Name of Secondary School   Code Number

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Number and Street

_____
City   State   Zip

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Principal or Guidance Counselor

Is this student NOW a senior in high school?   Yes _____ No _____
Graduation date _____
Exact rank in class _____ Class Size _____ ACT Score _____

_____ Date _____
Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor

High School Information (list last attended first)

Name of School _____   Name of School _____

Street Address _____   Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____   City_____ State ____ Zip _____

Principal's Name _____   Principal's Name _____

School Phone # _____   School Phone # _____

Letters of Recommendation
(Please request that a letter of recommendation be sent directly to the Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation, 413 North Webster Street, Red Cloud, Nebraska 68970)

1.   Name of English or History Teacher _____

        Street Address _____

        City_____ State _____ Zip _____

        Phone Number (_____) _____

School Activities
(List those in which you have participated; the positions you have held; and the school year in which you participated.)

Activity	Position(s) Held	School Yr.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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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.)

Activity	**Position(s) Held**	**School Yr.**
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Activity	**Position(s) Held**	**School Yr.**
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Please explain: _____

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

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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:_____

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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:_____

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Is there other information that might be relevant to your application? If so, please include it here.
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**IMPORTANT: ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 28.**

**Send to: Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship Program
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**Letter to support application to the Antonette Willa Skupa Turner 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 _____

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Phone (_____) _____