

The Calista Lynn Smith Educational Endowment

- The Calista Lynn Smith Educational Endowment (CLSEE) was created to ensure that her legacy lives on by supporting promising students in science.
- Scholarship candidates must directly apply for the scholarship.
- Scholarship candidates must be U.S. citizens.
- Scholarship candidates must be pursuing a degree in natural science.
- Scholarship candidates must plan to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.
- At the time of application, scholarship candidates must be at least a senior in good standing in high school, have excellent grades, have a love of the outdoors, have a strong history of leadership in extracurricular activities in school, community, and church, and be an active, practicing Christian.
- The CLSEE is awarded to students on a one year basis.
- Students may apply originally during their senior year of high school.
- Students must anticipate graduation by June 30 of the year of application.
- First time applicants must have a 3.0 GPA by the end of their junior year of high school. Thereafter, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible to reapply.
- Past recipients may reapply each year after their initial award for use during as many as four years of college, provided they meet the criteria upon each application.
- The CLSEE Scholarship Committee selects at least one recipient each year, provided a qualified pool of applicants exists.
- The CLSEE Scholarship Committee will determine the number of scholarships and the size of each scholarship to award based upon the investment earnings of the endowment each year. The specifics will be decided each year at the December Board meeting.
- Advertisement for the scholarship will begin each year in January based upon the final Board decisions.
- The first year the scholarship will be awarded will be the 2016-2017 school year. Until this time, all interest earnings will be rolled over into the account's principal value.