CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43) and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48) Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships

About the Scholarships:

The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships are named after two brothers who were model students who embodied what it means to be an Eagle at Central High School. During their time at Central, both DeEmmett and Mason were strong academic students who were highly involved in both school and community activities. Mason was named the CHS Student of the Year in 1948 for his academics, school spirit, and involvement in the Omaha community. Mason's brother, DeEmmett, enjoyed math, running on the track team, and serving on the JROTC Eagle Battalion. Mason and DeEmmett loved their time at Central High School. Mason's son, Dean Zerbe, wanted to honor his father and uncle, and so the The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43) and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48) Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships were established. These two scholarships will recognize two graduating Central High School seniors, one male and one female, who plan to attend a college, university, or trade school and who have spent the past four years demonstrating the same academic, leadership, community and school spirit that Mason and DeEmmett represented during their time at Central.

Scholarships Details:

- Two $2,500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually by the Central High School Foundation at the CHS Senior Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 11, 2027.
- One scholarship will be awarded to the best male applicant, and one scholarship will be awarded to the best female applicant.
- These scholarships are valid for one year and will be co-addressed to the college or university that the student plans to attend.

Application Requirements:

- The applicant must plan to attend a college, university, or trade school.
- Complete all parts of the scholarship application. The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43) and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48) Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships application is available to download on the Central High School Foundation website (www.chsfomaha.org/events/senior-recognition-ceremony)
- Submit all required parts (application and essay) to the Central High School Foundation mailbox in the Main Office at Central High School or mail to the Central High School Foundation (Attn: Student of the Year Application 1111 N 13th Street Suite 318, Omaha, NE 68102-4252)
- Applications must be received by Friday, March 26, 2027. **No late application submissions will be accepted.**

Selection Process:

- All completed applications received or postmarked by Friday, March 26, 2027 will be reviewed and considered by the Central High School Foundation Board of Directors.
- The Central High School Foundation Board of Directors reviews all nominations shortly after the submission deadline, carefully considering each nominee according to the award criteria.
- The male and female applicants receiving the majority of votes by the CHSF Board of Directors will be selected as the DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43) and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48) Student of the Year Scholarships awardees

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Notice:

This application must be typed. Hand-written applications will NOT be considered. Please utilize the following template to submit all of your applicable information in the order listed and in the same format.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF: Background details about yourself you would like to share (please limit your comments to the space provided):

GPA: _____

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Name of Recognition	Date

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Activity	Grade Level (s)	Position Held

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Activity	Number of Years Involved	Position Held

LEADERSHIP ROLES:

Organization/Club	Number of Years Involved	Position Held

VOLUNTEER WORK:

Organization/Club	Number of Years Involved	Responsibilities

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ESSAY:
Please attach a TYPED essay of no more than 1,500 words on the following topic:

In reflecting upon your four-year experience at Omaha Central High School, discuss how you have grown as a student and a person and what role has Central High School played in that growth.

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____

Gender: ○ Male ○ Female

Your Home Address:_____

Your Home Phone Number:_____ Your Email Address:_____

DEADLINE: Friday, March 26, 2027
Please PRINT and MAIL to:

The Central High School Foundation
Attn: Student of the Year Nomination
The Mastercraft
1111 N 13th Street, Suite 318
Omaha, NE 68102-4252

If you have any questions, contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996 or events@chsfomaha.org