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## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Brandon Thrash and Valarie Carter Scholarship is a yearly award to an outstanding Culinary Arts student at OSU-Okmulgee in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year. The scholarship is intended to cover all education expenses for one year including tuition, books, fees and tools.

The donor, Mr. Bryan Close, has graciously provided \$10,000.00 annually; half to the student and half to the scholarship endowment, until the endowment itself is sufficient to provide \$5,000.00 per year to a scholarship recipient. It is the goal of the donor to eventually create a fully-endowed Culinary Arts scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage the development of outstanding "fine dining" chefs in the state of Oklahoma.

Scholarships will be awarded each spring for enrollment in the fall semester. The scholarship committee will be selected from the Culinary Arts Division and the OSU-Okmulgee Administration.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Submission of an application for the Valarie Carter and Brandon Thrash Scholarship.
2. The application is to include a recipe created specifically for the scholarship competition. The student may not use a recipe that has been a winner in any other competition. The winning recipe will be served at a fundraising dinner.
3. The applicant must have completed a minimum of two semesters in the program by the time the scholarship is awarded.
4. Maintenance of a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average.
5. Classification as a full-time student.
6. Preference will be given to students currently employed or interning in a fine dining establishment. *This is not a mandatory requirement.*
7. Strong preference will be given to Oklahoma residents.