

# Heritage funds help dreams come true



**Devin Newsom**

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Devin Newsom wants to follow his family's history, and the Oklahoma Heritage Association is helping him on his way.

"I love Oklahoma history and everything about it," Newsom said. "My long-term goal is to become mayor of Oklahoma City like my great-, great-, great-grandfather."

Newsom, 18, is last year's recipient of the John W. and Mary D. Nichols Scholarship, one of many scholarships the Oklahoma Heritage Association gives Oklahoma students. The association is taking nominations for the \$10,000 Nichols scholarship through March 6. Students also can register through March 27 to take an Oklahoma history test April 11 for a chance at other scholarships.

Newsom said without scholarships, he wouldn't be able to attend college, which is the first step to following in the footsteps of William J. Couch, Ok-

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To see a list of Oklahoma Heritage Association scholarships, register for the test or download the study guide or applications, go online to [www.oklahomaheritage.com](http://www.oklahomaheritage.com) or call 235-4458.

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each county. Students can receive tuition waivers or cash scholarships.

"This program is designed to reward Oklahoma students who have taken an interest in the rich history of our great state," Shannon Nance, Oklahoma Heritage Association president, said in a news

OF WILLIAM L. COUCH, Oklahoma City's first mayor.

Erin Page, the association's director of communications and marketing, said organizers want to raise awareness about the scholarships because some years, money is left over. The group has more than \$400,000 to give.

"It really is an awareness factor," Page said. "We have so many scholarships available. Every county has at least three scholarships available."

The scholarship program started in the 1970s, and in 1995, the association started offering at least one scholarship in

president, said in a news release. "It also encourages Oklahoma students to stay in state to attend college and hopefully remain here to live and work after receiving their degrees."