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East Texas Communities Foundation

**SCHOLARSHIP
HANDBOOK**



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Welcome!

What is your dream for your future? Do you wish to pursue a degree in the medical or business field? Are you a gifted athlete, talented artist or active community volunteer? No matter what your talents, abilities and passions are, East Texas Communities Foundation wants to help you pursue your higher education dreams.

The ETCF Scholarship Directory provides valuable scholarship information to students pursuing education beyond high school. Many of the scholarships listed in this guide are for high school seniors. There are also several opportunities for students already enrolled in college and non-traditional students.

There are literally thousands of local and national scholarships available to students today. Featured on the pages of this guide are scholarships available specifically to East Texas students. Students are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as they qualify for. Multiple scholarships can be awarded to a single student resulting in a substantial cumulative amount. All scholarship dollars that are awarded aid in off-setting tuition expenses.

We hope this guide is a helpful resource as you consider the numerous scholarship opportunities available to you. Please feel free to contact our ETCF Program Officer and staff if you have a question about our online application process or eligibility requirements. Our staff can also assist you with general scholarship questions and help demystify the financial aid process.

Congratulations students! An exciting year awaits you.



2018 Scholarship Timetable for High School Seniors

Now is the time to begin searching for scholarships for which you may be eligible – they are out there, but you need to look for them. This guide is a good place to start. And remember – your high school guidance counselor is a valuable resource. Visit with them frequently and check bulletins and listings available at your school. Also check with the financial aid offices of schools to which you are applying. Knowing what sources of aid are available to you may help you determine your school of choice.

There are a few important deadlines to make note of concerning ETCF Scholarships:

December 1, 2017

Scholarship applications open to students online at **www.ETCF.org** **December 1, 2017**. A student may apply for every scholarship for which he or she meets the eligibility requirements. Applicants must submit a unique application for each scholarship. Do not submit only the common application.

Prior to February 1

Prior to the February 1st deadline, students applying for scholarships at ETCF should:

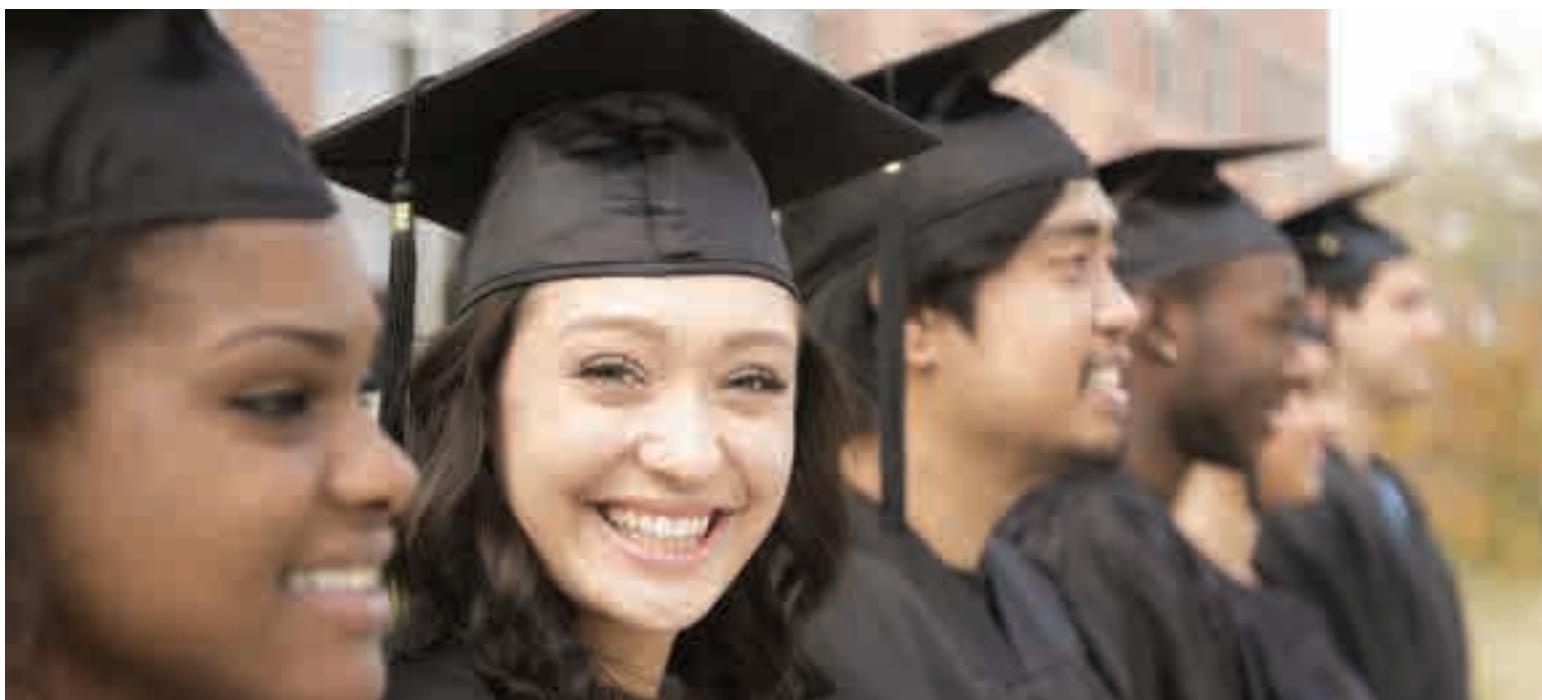
- Access the list of East Texas Communities Foundation scholarships at **www.ETCF.org** (click on Scholarships, Available Scholarships and scroll down for a complete list).
- Click on the scholarship name and carefully read the instructions to determine your eligibility to apply.
- Once eligibility is determined, click **Access Application** to be taken to the online application system.
- If it is your **first time to access** the online application, you will be asked to create a **log in and password**. Make sure you use a valid email address. You can exit and save your application to complete another day. Remember your log in information as you will need it to get back into your application. Submitted applications may be edited up to the deadline.
- Request unofficial copies of your transcripts. Transcripts should include **Fall 2017 semester grades**.
- Take the SAT and/ or ACT test if required by your college or university.
- Obtain email addresses of 2 people who are willing to submit reference letters on your behalf as part of the application process.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov. **FAFSA is available to complete beginning October 1st**. We recommend applying as early as possible.

February 1st

Applications and required supporting documents, including references, must be submitted online at **www.ETCF.org** on or before **February 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**, unless noted otherwise.

Scholarship Scams

During your senior year of high school, you may notice the volume of mail you receive substantially increases. Offers from colleges and universities, financial agencies and companies that guarantee college scholarships for just \$39.99! Annually, scholarship scams take millions of dollars from unsuspecting students. Government attorneys investigating fraud in scholarship search services offer these six clues to identify "scholarship scams."



- They ask for money. A legitimate scholarship does not require a fee to apply.
- They offer a money back guarantee. Most guarantees have restrictions that are impossible to meet.
- They claim to have access to information that can't be found anywhere else. The same scholarships are listed in dozens of free databases, directories and catalogs, as well as online.
- They ask for a credit card or bank account number. Never give out this information. You might unknowingly sign up for automatic withdrawals that you cannot stop – only the organization can stop automatic withdrawals. It might be months before you notice and contacting the organization is difficult.
- They claim they will do all the work. For most scholarships, the applicant must fill out and submit the application themselves. All they do is perform a search of free databases that you can do yourself.
- They congratulate you on winning a contest you never entered or for being selected by a national foundation.

If you didn't apply for it – you didn't win it.

Now that you know what to look for, it's easy to not get taken in by scholarship scams. Just use common sense and do your own research. This scholarship directory is a great place to start!

For more information about scholarship scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at www.ftc.gov.

East Texas Communities Foundation Scholarship Opportunities



The following pages contain a listing and description of scholarships available to students in the 32 counties served by East Texas Communities Foundation.

A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship

The A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from a Smith County public high school entering Texas A&M University.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a resident of Smith County and a graduating senior at any public high school within Smith County.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in high school studies.

College or University to be Attended

The student must be admitted to attend Texas A&M University. (Blinn TEAM does not qualify.)

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Adam Carroll Scholarship

Established in 2002 with gifts from the family and friends of Adam Carroll, this scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his love of people, his zest for life and his love of sports. An honor graduate of Grand Saline High School, Adam was a gifted baseball player, a handsome guy with an infectious smile, and a young man who had big dreams for his life. One of Adam's favorite sayings was "Always remember who you are, where you come from and what you represent." Adam Carroll knew who he was, he knew where he came from, both geographically and spiritually, and he knew he represented his family, his school and his Lord. The Adam Carroll Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Grand Saline High School who has participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from Grand Saline High School and a resident of Van Zandt, Wood, or Smith County.

Academic Record

Recipient must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Recipient must have participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Preference will be given to students for whom college expenses will be a financial hardship.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship

Born December 4, 1989, in Bedford, Texas, Alex Fleming was a junior at Whitehouse High School, where he was respected and admired by students and teachers alike for his numerous achievements. Alex was a member of the National Honor Society, a varsity football and track letterman, and played for the junior varsity baseball team. Moreover, he distinguished himself through his involvement in the Whitehouse High School Band and Jazz Band.

The purpose of the Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship Fund is to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior at Whitehouse High School who has participated in the band program for 4 years and shows high moral character. This is a merit based scholarship, and preference will be given to students who have participated successfully in the honors academic program.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior at Whitehouse High School.

Academic Record

Preference will be given to students who have participated successfully in the honors academic program.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must have participated in the band for 4 years

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college or university in the United States

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship

The Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior from Smith County who plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler. The recipient must demonstrate outstanding citizenship, leadership qualities, Christian devotion, excellent moral character, and a commitment to community service.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from a public, private or home school in Smith County.

Academic Record

Recipient must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Applicants must plan to enroll as a full-time student at the University of Texas at Tyler.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

The scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years (a total of 5 years) if the student:

- Remains a full-time student (at least 12 hours) at the University of Texas at Tyler and
- Maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale each semester.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$2,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Art Excellence Scholarship

An anonymous donor established the Art Excellence Scholarship Fund to provide educational scholarships for primarily non-traditional students pursuing Studio Art or Art History at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate or graduate program.

College or University to be Attended

Applicant must be a current student at the University of Texas at Tyler.

College Major

Applicant must be at least a sophomore at the time of application and must have declared his or her major to be Studio Art or Art History as a full-time student in an undergraduate or graduate program.

Other Requirements

Preference will be given to non-traditional students in the following order: female students over age 40, male students over age 40, or single parents with no age preference. Applicants should be available for a personal interview and have the ability to present or display 1-5 projects which they consider to be their most significant achievements, if requested.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500- \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Ben and Florine Ramsey Scholarship

Mrs. Ramsey established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Ben, who was extremely proud of his hometown of San Augustine, Texas and who believed in the importance of education.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors or prior graduates of San Augustine High School in San Augustine, Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must be attending or admitted to attend any accredited four-year college or university in the State of Texas as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration. Students meeting all other eligibility criteria but with little financial need may also apply.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$750 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Betty and Roy Erickson Scholarship

Established by Betty and Roy Erickson to enable worthy students to attend college, this scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior from an East Texas high school.

High School / Residency

The recipient must be a graduating senior attending a public, private or home school in an ETCF East Texas county.*

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 4.0 on a 4.0 scale. Also, the applicant must have exemplary test scores in either: the new SAT composite score must be 1300 or higher (math and evidence-based reading and writing), or the old SAT composite score must be 2000 or higher (reading, math and writing) or the ACT composite score must be 30 or higher (English, math, reading, science composite).

College or University to be Attended

The student must plan to pursue an associate's or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university located in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

Historically this scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Brook Hill Founder's Scholarship

Steve Dement created this scholarship to enable students attending the college preparatory school he founded, The Brook Hill School, to continue their education at Baylor University where he earned three degrees. Mr. Dement continues to teach history and government at Brook Hill while also operating Landmark Title and a real estate law practice. His faith guides all these ventures as he models for his students how to honor, serve, and rely upon God in all that they do.

High School/ Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from The Brook Hill School in Bullard, Texas.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school studies.

College or University to be Attended

Applicant must plan to enroll, and remain enrolled, as a full-time student at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Applicant must have a written acceptance from Baylor University.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only. In future years, the scholarship MAY be renewable.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Initially, \$2,500 will be awarded.

Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship

The Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship was established to benefit outstanding students with financial need at Palestine High School. Recipients should demonstrate leadership ability through participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work experience during high school.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors at Palestine High School, in Palestine, Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must be ranked in the top 25% of his or her high school graduating class.

High School Activities

Recipient should demonstrate leadership ability through participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and /or work experience during high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree, is a full-time student, and
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$2,500 has been awarded.

Christopher Lyon Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2007 with gifts from the family and friends of Christopher Lyon, this scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his art, delicate soul, and quirky laugh.

Chris was born on October 24, 1973, in Greenville, S.C. An artist by profession, he received his BFA in Drawing, Painting and Photography from Western Carolina University in 1996. He completed his MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999, where he met his wife Alexis, also an UPenn graduate and now an art professor at the University of Texas at Tyler. The couple moved to Whitehouse in 2004.

Chris died on January 9th, 2007, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. This scholarship was created to remember Chris, encourage young art students, and reward them for their hard work.

High School / Residency

Preference will be given to applicants who have attended high school in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school, and, if applicable, in his or her undergraduate and graduate program.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must currently attend or be accepted to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

College Major

Recipient must be a full-time student who, at the time of application, has declared his or her major to be art in an undergraduate program or is enrolled in an art master's degree program at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate exemplary achievement and potential in art. Applicants should be available for a personal interview and have the ability to present or display 1-5 projects which they consider to be their most significant achievements, if requested.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Citizens 1st Bank /Perkins Family Foundation State Employees' Children's Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of Citizens 1st Bank and the Perkins Family Foundation in appreciation for the dedication State of Texas employees.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a resident of Cherokee, Nacogdoches, or Smith County and a graduate or graduating senior from any public, private, or home school in one of those counties.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her studies.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be the child of a current employee of the State of Texas. (Independent school district employees are not considered employees of the State.)

Applicants must have demonstrated the potential to make a worthy contribution to the community and have excellent moral character.

Applicants must be under the age of 22 years old at the time of their initial application.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year. Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), remain a full-time student, and complete at least 24 college credit hours each year may reapply. The entire application process must be completed for consideration.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship in Chemistry

This scholarship was created in memory of Dr. Braithwaite by his widow, Jacqueline. Dr. Braithwaite was a research chemist and Chairman and CEO of Nalco Chemical Company. He was widely recognized in his field for his expertise and innovations. This scholarship will be awarded to an East Texas graduating senior who plans on majoring in chemistry in college.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public, private, or home school in one of ETCF's East Texas counties.*

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients must plan to major in chemistry. There is a preference for chemistry or biochemistry majors over chemical engineering majors.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year, and may be renewed subject to committee approval for up to three additional years, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA
- Remains a full-time student
- Continues to pursue a major in chemistry

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$3,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology

This scholarship is but one of the numerous generous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community made possible by Mrs. Braithwaite. This scholarship will be awarded to an East Texas graduating senior who plans on majoring in biology, mathematics, engineering or a related field which will allow the student to pursue a career in medicine, biotechnology, or veterinary medicine. Only students planning a career as a doctor, dentist, veterinarian, or biotechnologist qualify. Please apply for other scholarships ETCF offers if you plan a career as a nurse, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician's assistant, pharmacist, neuroscientist, dietician, etc.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from a public, private or home school in one of ETCF's East Texas counties.*

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States as a full-time student.

College Major

Applicants must plan on pursuing an undergraduate major in biology, mathematics, engineering, or a related field that will allow them to pursue a career in medicine, biotechnology, or veterinary medicine.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year, and may be renewed subject to committee approval for up to three additional years, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA
- Remains a full-time student
- Continues to pursue a major that will lead to a career as a doctor, dentist, veterinarian, or biotechnologist

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$3,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship in Vocational/Technical Study in Medically-Related Fields

This scholarship is but one of the numerous generous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community made possible by Mrs. Braithwaite. This scholarship will be awarded to an East Texas individual, regardless of age, pursuing full time study for vocational/technical certificates and/or associate degrees in medically-related fields such as: radiology, sonography, surgical technology, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, respiratory care, EMT, wellness, etc.

Because this scholarship is intended to aid persons who wish to receive medically-related vocational training and get into the workforce as quickly as possible, students seeking bachelor's degrees are not eligible. Nursing students should apply for a different ETCF scholarship.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a resident of one of ETCF's East Texas counties.*

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients must plan to pursue a vocational/technical certificate or associates degree in a medically-related field. Students seeking four year degrees are not eligible.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for the entire course of study, provided the recipient:

- Maintains minimum GPA required by their course of study.
- Remains a full-time student as defined by their program.
- Continues to pursue a certificate or associates degree in a medically-related field.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell Scholarship

The E. H. Caldwell Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 by the family of Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell, a beloved and respected surgeon whose name became synonymous with East Texas medicine. Throughout his 46-year career in East Texas, Dr. Caldwell earned the respect and love of both his patients and medical colleagues. Motivated by principles of fairness and honesty, as well as high ethical standards, Dr. Caldwell helped found and cultivate the sophisticated level of medicine that characterizes East Texas medicine today.

Scholarships from the E. H. Caldwell Scholarship Fund are awarded to East Texas residents wishing to pursue careers in medically related fields, particularly nursing.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be high school graduates and residents of East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have completed a minimum of 30 college-credit hours in a medically related program in human healthcare with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients must be pursuing a career in human healthcare with an emphasis on:

- Associate Degree Nursing (RN)
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Nursing (BSN)
- Masters of Science Degree, Nursing (MSN)
- Doctorate Degree in Nursing.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year, and may be renewed through the completion of the committee-approved degree, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Enrolls in the number of hours required by the program to maintain satisfactory progress
- Remains in the current medically-related program

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$2,500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship

This scholarship encourages student-athletes to succeed on and off the field. Recipients must participate in varsity athletics during the senior year of high school and exhibit the characteristics that define Earl Campbell. The scholarship was established by SPORTyler, Inc. in 2014.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior at a Smith County public or private or home school.

Academic Record

Applicant must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must have participated in varsity athletics for the academic year in which they apply and graduate from high school. High school varsity sports competition includes competitive sports sanctioned by University Interscholastic League (UIL), Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC), Texas Christian Athletic League (TCAL), or Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship (TCAF). For the purpose of this scholarship, participants in cheerleading and drill team are not eligible.

College athletic participation is NOT a requirement.

Recipients must demonstrate, by a written essay, the characteristics that define Earl Campbell: integrity, performance, teamwork, sportsmanship, community, and the tenacity to persist and overcome adversity and injury in the pursuit of reaching goals.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

Historically this scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$5,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

East Texas Geological Society Scholarship

The East Texas Geological Society Scholarship is awarded to a student who is at least a sophomore at the time of application and who has declared his or her major to be geology. The applicant may be an undergraduate or graduate geology student.

High School / Residency

Preference will be given to applicants who have attended high school in East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipient must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program, and, if applicable, in his or her graduate program.

College Major/ Classification

Recipient must be at least a sophomore at the time of application, and must have declared his or her major to be Geology in an undergraduate program, or must be in a Geology master's degree program.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must attend a college or university located in the State of Texas that offers a geology degree program.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

The scholarship will be renewable for up to two years, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- The recipient continues to pursue an undergraduate degree with a major in geology or a graduate degree in geology.
- The recipient is a full-time student, and
- The recipient maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program, and, if applicable, in his or her graduate program

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$2,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Frances Cowan Gibson Fine Arts Scholarship

Frances Cowan Gibson, a native of Tyler, was an accomplished artist who enjoyed drawing, painting, and printmaking. This scholarship will be awarded to students in any major who are pursuing fine arts studies, either as a visual art major or minor or simply taking art classes as an elective.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior, graduate, or GED recipient of a public, private, or home school located in Smith County in East Texas. Current college students should be undergraduates.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject and must continue to pursue studies in visual arts, either as a visual art major or minor or simply taking art classes as an elective.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only. Past recipients and past applicants may reapply if they meet the criteria for the scholarship.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$5,000 has been awarded.

Frederick Michael Nachman Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Frederick Michael Nachman who graduated from Bellaire High School and the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Business Administration. Mike was in the Air Force Reserves and a University of Texas Exes Life Member. He began his career with Leasing Associates, Inc in 1970 and in 2001 he became CEO and sole owner. He was very respected by his employees and by his business associates for his fair and ethical business practices. Mike loved hunting, fishing, and watching football. He rarely ever missed a Longhorn game and you would often find him humming along with fight song and doing the "hook-em horns" sign. Mike also had a passion for his family and was such a loving husband, father and grandfather.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from a public, private, or home school in Smith County, Texas or from Bellaire High School in Bellaire, Texas.

Academic Record

Recipient must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

The applicant must have been accepted to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients must plan to major in business with a preference for finance majors.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration. Students meeting all other eligibility criteria but with little financial need may also apply.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Deadline:

March 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Gary Neel Memorial Scholarship

Gary Neel was a very proud and passionate 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and 1976 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. Upon graduation from the University of Texas, Gary entered the pharmacy business and at the time of his death was a senior district manager at a major pharmaceutical company. His sensitivity, humility and quiet strength were manifested in his love for his wife, family, co-workers and friends. Gary's love, friendship and wisdom touched many hearts and made a difference in the lives of all who knew him. He treated all people in his life as if they were his dearest friends – a trait that is rare today.

Gary's friends and family have established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Gary so that deserving Robert E. Lee High School graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement.

College or University to be Attended

The applicant must have been accepted to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must show service and leadership qualities.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$3,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Deadline:

March 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Gerald and Charlie Stoker Memorial Scholarship

The Gerald and Charlie Stoker Memorial Scholarship was established to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from Winnsboro High School.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors from Winnsboro High School.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university of their choice.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Gladys and Thomas "T.B." Stewart Scholarship

The Gladys and Thomas "T.B." Stewart Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 through the generosity of Gladys and T.B. Stewart. The Stewarts, life-long residents of Tyler, valued their faith and the role of education in their lives and served as positive role models to young people. Mrs. Stewart was an educator with Tyler ISD for 40 years. It was the Stewart's desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character.

The purpose of the Gladys and Thomas "T.B." Stewart Scholarship is to provide educational scholarships for graduates from Smith County area high schools.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors at a public, private, or home school located in Smith County or selected surrounding school districts, including Ben Wheeler, Big Sandy, Brownsboro, Edom, Frankston, Hawkins, Jacksonville, Laure, Martins Mill, Mineola, Murchison, New London, New Summerfield, Overton, Poyner, and Van.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree,
- Is a full-time student, and
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$2,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Gladys and Thomas "T.B." Stewart Texas College Scholarship

This scholarship supports students attending Texas College in Tyler, Texas and honors the legacy of Gladys and Thomas Stewart. The Stewarts valued their faith and the role of education in their lives and served as positive role models to young people. Mrs. Stewart was an educator with Tyler ISD for 40 years. It was the Stewart's desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character. Eligible students of all races are encouraged to apply.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from a public, private, or home school. Preference is for residents of Smith County with a secondary preference for residents of East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend Texas College in Tyler, Texas.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree,
- Is a full-time student, and
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Initially, \$1,250 will be awarded.

Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Glenn and Vivian Prater who were residents of Liberty County, Texas. Although neither of the Praters were able to attend college due to financial reasons, they were firm believers in education. Mrs. Prater taught kindergarten before it was part of the public school system. She also sold World Book Encyclopedias. Mr. Prater was valedictorian of his high school class. His passion was working with Boy Scouts; he mentored 12 Eagle Scouts as a Scoutmaster and received the Woodbadge and Silver Beaver Awards. This scholarship is to be awarded to an Eagle Scout from Liberty County or an ETCF county accepted to or currently attending Texas A&M University.

High School / Residency

The recipient must be a graduating high school senior or graduate of a public, private, or home school located in Liberty County, TX or one of ETCF's East Texas counties.* Preference will be given to applicants from Liberty County.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA required for admission to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

College or University to be Attended

The student must be admitted to attend or currently be enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station as a full-time student.

College Major

The applicant may major in any subject.

Other Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year, and may be renewed for one more year subject to committee approval and based on availability of funds, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA
- Remains a full-time student at Texas A&M University

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Helen Elbert Scholarship

Helen Elbert's musical ability was evident as a child. Beginning at the age of 10, she was the regular pianist for her church. She went on to earn a degree in music with a concentration in piano and had a 52-year career as an outstanding piano teacher, church musician, and chamber music performer. She was nominated in 2006 as Teacher of the Year by the Texas Music Teachers Association. Throughout her almost 99 years of life, Helen Elbert never lost her zest for living and learning.

This scholarship was established by the East Texas Music Teachers Association with gifts from Mrs. Elbert's friends and family. It will be awarded to an East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in music with a preference for piano majors.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in one of the following East Texas counties.*

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States

College Major

Recipient must plan to major in music, with a preference for piano majors.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Initially, \$500 will be awarded.

Jean & Jim Gulley Texas Tech Scholarship

The Gulley family established the Jean & Jim Gulley Texas Tech Scholarship to provide educational scholarships for a graduating senior, or a previous graduate, from a high school in ETCF's East Texas Counties* or Quanah, TX. The recipient must plan to attend Texas Tech University as a full time undergraduate student.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior, or a previous graduate, from a high school in ETCF's East Texas Counties* or Quanah, TX.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school or college studies.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must plan to attend Texas Tech University as a full time undergraduate student. Applicants must have written acceptance from Texas Tech University.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year and may be renewed for up to three additional years provided the recipient:

- Maintains a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Remains a full-time student at Texas Tech University
- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$5,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Deadline:

March 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Jaqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College

This scholarship is but one of the numerous generous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community made possible by Mrs. Braithwaite. This scholarship will be awarded to an East Texas individual, regardless of age, pursuing full-time study in nursing at Tyler Junior College.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a resident of one of ETCF's East Texas counties.*

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend Tyler Junior College as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients must plan to major in nursing.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

The scholarship shall be awarded for one year, and may be renewed annually subject to committee approval for the length of the program, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a minimum grade point average of 3.0,
- Takes at least the minimum number of hours to remain a full-time student at Tyler Junior College, and
- Remains in the same nursing program

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Juliette Low's Amazing Girls Scholarship

Established in 2011, this scholarship is to be awarded to a female Smith County graduating senior who has been active in Girl Scouts.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school located in Smith County, Texas. Home schooled graduating seniors are eligible and are considered to have attended a private school.

Academic Record

Applicant must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0) scale in her high school.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must have participated in Girl Scouts; preference will be given to recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Applicant must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship, leadership ability, and participation in community service work.

Applicants must be female and under the age of 20 at the time of

initial application.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be admitted to attend any accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the United States.

College Major

Applicant may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

Recipients are encouraged to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Kathy's Kids Scholarship

This scholarship fund is established in honor of Kathy Smith. Born in 1962 with a rare genetic condition known as Seckel Syndrome, Kathy has spent her entire life unable to speak, but communicates very well through body language and audible sounds. She has made a difference in the lives of the residents living at Richmond State School where she has resided since 1974. This scholarship fund honors the life of Kathy Smith by providing educational scholarships to young women in the Longview area who, like Kathy, have faced challenges.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school which participates in the Forever Friends Program, including: Gladewater High School, Hallsville High School, Kilgore High School, Longview High School, New Diana High School, Pine Tree High School, Spring Hill High School, or White Oak High School.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in high school studies.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be current participants in the Longview area Forever Friends program, a mentoring program for young women administered by the City of Longview office of Partners In Prevention. (Forever Friends Too participants are not eligible.)

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be admitted to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or an accredited technical school as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration. Preference will be given to students with financial need who are being raised by a single parent or single guardian.

Length of Support

This scholarship MAY be renewed based on availability of funding.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Kristen and Joey Seeber Scholarship

The Kristen and Joey Seeber Scholarship was established to honor former Mayor Joey Seeber and thank his family for his years of service as Mayor of the City of Tyler. Contributions from hundreds of Tylerites established this fund.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from Robert E. Lee High School or John Tyler High School in Tyler, Texas. Preference will be given to residents of the City of Tyler.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but will not be weighted above other criteria for scholarship selection.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Lauren Lewis Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Lewis was a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a senior at Texas A & M University in College Station at the time of her death. Lauren was a devoted Christian who loved Jesus Christ and served her fellow students and community. She was active in the Maggie Women's Leadership Organization of Texas A&M University and volunteered at a local Boys & Girls Club. Lauren (La La) lived life with gusto. Her favorite scripture verses were Ephesians 2:4... "But God! So rich is He in His mercy!" and Psalm 138:8... "The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me." Scholarship recipients must demonstrate high moral character, leadership and community service by a written essay. Applicants should be available for a personal interview, if requested. Lauren's friends have established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Lauren so that deserving Robert E. Lee and All Saints graduates may be able to attend Texas A&M University.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from Robert E. Lee High School or All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Applicant must plan to enroll, and remain enrolled, as a full-time student at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. (Blinn TEAM does not qualify.) Applicant must have a written acceptance from Texas A&M University

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must show service and leadership qualities

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Deadline:

March 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship

The Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship is awarded to female students who are currently or were previously involved in horse show activities. Leslie Reid of Murchison passed away in 2001 from cancer. The scholarship was started in 2002 by her husband, Mr. Ron Reid. The scholarship is a memorial to Leslie's determination, courage, love of life, and love of showing horses.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from a public, private, or home school in Henderson, Smith, or Van Zandt Counties.

Other Eligibility Requirements

The recipient must be a female student who is currently or was previously involved in horse show activities.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Martha J. Critchfield Women in Finance Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor Martha Critchfield by her friends, family, and colleagues. She was the first licensed female stockbroker in Tyler, Texas. Martha retired from her career as a financial advisor in 2016. This scholarship will be awarded to a female East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in business in college.

High School / Residency

The recipient must be a graduating senior attending a public, private, or home school in an ETCF East Texas county*.

Academic Record

Applicant must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in her high school.

Other Eligibility Requirements

The recipient must be a female student.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Applicants must be planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in business with a preference for those majoring in finance or accounting.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree with a major in business, is a full-time student, and
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in her undergraduate program

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$500 has been awarded.

Michael J. McCormick Scholarship

Michael McCormick was a financial planner and an active member of the Tyler community. He and his wife, Stacy, were married for 23 years. Their children attended All Saints Episcopal School and Stacy taught kindergarten there for 13 years. Architecture and design are strong interests of the family which Michael fully supported. He worked hard to earn his own degree and understood the value of higher education. This scholarship was created in memory of Michael by his friends and family. It will benefit graduating seniors at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States

College Major

Applicant may major in any subject, with a preference for architecture, design, or visual arts majors.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Initially, \$2,000 will be awarded.

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who has declared his major in the energy industry field. Eligible majors may include one of many degrees offered in engineering or geosciences.

High School / Residency

Preference will be given to applicants who have attended high school in East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipient must have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate or graduate program.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must attend a college or university located in the State of Texas that offers an applicable degree program.

College Major/ Classification

Recipient must be at least a sophomore at the time of application and must have declared his or her major to be in a field of study which directly relates to the energy industry. Eligible majors may include one of many degrees offered in engineering or geosciences.

Financial Need

Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

The scholarship is awarded for one year. Recipients are encouraged to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Partners in Arts Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Smith County graduating senior who has actively participated in one of the performing or visual arts such as band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater arts or visual art and who plans to major in the visual or performing arts (applied, performance, or education) in college.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from a public, private, or home school in Smith County.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have actively participated in one of the performing or visual arts such as band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater arts, or visual art while in high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients must major in the visual or performing arts (applied, performance, or education).

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Peace Officers and Firefighters Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Board of Directors of East Texas Communities Foundation to honor the public service of dedicated peace officers and firefighters.

High School / Residency

Applicant must a graduating senior from an accredited public, private, or home school in in one of ETCF's East Texas counties.*

College or University Attended

The applicant may attend any accredited college or university as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Other Requirments

Applicants must be the dependent child of an individual currently employed as a Peace Officer or professional Firefighter as defined by the State of Texas Government Code 614.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

R. Don Cowan Music and Performing Arts Scholarship

R. Don Cowan was a founder of Tyler-based TCA Cable. He and his wife, Frances, appreciated and enjoyed music. They were strong supporters of the arts in Tyler. This scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing music and performing arts studies (music, musical theater, and dance). Students may major in any subject.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior, graduate, or GED recipient of a public, private, or home school located in Smith County in East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Other Eligibility Requirements

This scholarship will recognize students with interest, talent, and accomplishment in music and performing arts and an inclination to continue their studies in music and performing arts (music, musical theater, and dance) at an accredited college or university as a full-time student. Students may major or minor in any subject, including music or performing arts, or they may continue their studies through elective classes, ensembles, performances, private lessons, marching band, etc.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject, and must continue to pursue studies in music or performing arts.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only. Past recipients and past applicants may reapply if they meet the criteria for the scholarship.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$5,000 has been awarded.

Retail Merchants Association Scholarship

Established by the Retail Merchants Association, this scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to major in Business.

High School / Residency

The recipient must attend a public, private, or home school located in Smith County or selected surrounding school districts, including Ben Wheeler, Big Sandy, Brownsboro, Edom, Frankston, Hawkins, Jacksonville, Larue, Martins Mill, Mineola, Murchison, New London, New Summerfield, Overton, Poyner, and Van.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

The student may attend the college of their choice, but the school must have an associate's or bachelor's business degree plan.

College Major

The applicant must plan on majoring in business.

Financial Need

Financial need will be a primary consideration for this scholarship. Students meeting all other eligibility criteria but with little financial need may also apply.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Rhonda Penry Scholarship

Rhonda Penry was a dedicated teacher at Tarkington Intermediate School in Cleveland, Texas for 15 years. She taught fifth grade and social studies for a career spanning 25 years in total. Her first students, her three sons, established this scholarship to honor their mother upon her retirement.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from a Tarkington High School in Cleveland, Texas.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States

College Major

The applicant may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year, and may be renewed subject to committee approval for up to two additional years, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA

- Remains a full-time student

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Initially, \$500 will be awarded.

Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm

Scholarship Fund

The Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship Fund is awarded to graduating seniors from Bullard High School who plan to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior at Bullard High School.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must be accepted to attend the University of Texas at Tyler

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered, but will not be weighted above other criteria.

Length of Support

The scholarship is renewable for up to 3 years (a total of 4 years) if the student:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale each semester.
- Remains a full time student (at least 12 hours) at the University of Texas at Tyler

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Sharyland Utilities Scholarship

The Sharyland Utilities Scholarship was established to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from selected rural schools in the Sharyland Utilities service area.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public, private or home school in Hunt County, Texas; Blue Ridge High School or Farmersville High School in Collin County, Texas; Fannindel High School or Leonard High School in Fannin County, Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited community college, college, or university in the United States as a full time student.

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in engineering, with a preference for electrical engineering.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$400 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Sherilyn A. Willis, MD Medical Scholarship

The Sherilyn A. Willis, MD Medical Scholarship was established in 2008 as a gift from her family to honor her career in medicine. It was created to help support students in medical school who plan to practice medicine in Texas.

High School / Residency

Preference will be given to students from the East Texas area.

Academic Record

There are no minimum GPA requirements for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any medical school of their choice in the State of Texas.

College Major

Applicants must be accepted to or currently attending a medical school in the State of Texas.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship

This scholarship was created through the generosity of a donor who himself was the son of a Baptist minister. Had it not been for the generosity of lay people in his father's congregation, the donor would not have been able to attend college. This scholarship is both a tribute to the benefactors who made the donor's education possible and a way to make the same kind of investment in promising young people. This scholarship will be awarded to dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a current college undergraduate from Smith County.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school or college studies.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year at a time. Students who still meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to re-apply each year.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Tim King Memorial Scholarship

Tim King was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He began working for Brookshire Grocery Company (BGC) at the age of 16 until he completed his BBA from the University of Texas. Upon graduation, Tim first worked for an accounting firm and later joined BGC as a financial accountant. At the time of his death, Tim was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He served on the board of directors for BGC and was active in Texas Society of CPAs, Texas Retailers Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Salvation Army, Children's Advocacy Center, and Tyler Economic Development Council. He was truly a servant leader who was loved by all who had the unique opportunity to work with him. Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Tim King so that Robert E. Lee High School graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicant must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be accepted to attend the University of Texas in Austin and plan to enroll as a full time student.

College Major

Recipient must be planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in business with a preference for those majoring in accounting.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$3,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Deadline:

March 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m..

Texas Rose Festival Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Smith County graduating senior or a current college student. Preference is for those who have participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of East Texas.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior at a Smith County public, private, or home school or a current college student who attended a Smith County school.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her studies.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend a college or university located in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Preference

Preference is given to students who have participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of East Texas.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$500 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the fundraising efforts of the Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. This group of citizens, who have participated in the Tyler Police Department's Citizen Police Academy, know first hand the caliber of Tyler's Police Department. This scholarship will be awarded to a dependent of a Tyler Police Department employee.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a previous graduate from any accredited public or private high school.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school or college studies.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Recipient must be a child of a current employee of the City of Tyler, Texas Police Department.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States as a full time student.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year. Recipients may reapply as long as their parent remains an employee of the City of Tyler Police Department.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Velma Lemons Future Teachers Scholarship

To honor the long-time teaching career of their mother, the children of Velma Lemons established this scholarship to assist students from Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties who plan to major in education.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduate or graduating senior of a public, private, or home school located in Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, or Wood County in East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipients must plan to major in education.

Other Eligibility Requirements

The recipient must have demonstrated the potential to make a worthy contribution to the community, Christian devotion, and excellent moral character.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$500 has been awarded.

Vision for Your Future Scholarship

Dr. Neisha Rudd established this scholarship in 2016 to encourage and support Smith County students interested in entering the medical profession. To reflect the donor's gender and specialty, preference is for female students planning to study optometry, ophthalmology, or other eye-care related specializations.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public, private or home school located in Smith County in East Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school.

Gender Preference

To encourage and support women in the medical profession, preference will be given to female students who meet the criteria for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipients must plan on pursuing a medically-related course of study with a preference for optometry, ophthalmology, or other eye-care related specializations.

Financial Need

Financial need will NOT be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded. Historically, \$1,000 has been awarded.

Whitehouse Young Farmers Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by an ag booter club to help students attend college who have participated in Agricultural Education while attending Whitehouse High School.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from Whitehouse High School.

Academic Record

The recipient must have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in high school studies.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have enrolled in an Agricultural Education class for at least one year in high school. Preference will be given to students who participated in FFA.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or an accredited technical school as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,200 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Winifred K. George Scholarship

Established by Winifred George, this scholarship is to be awarded to a Smith County graduating senior who plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a Smith County public, private, or home school.

Academic Record

Applicant must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale)..

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to attend and remain at Abilene Christian University, enrolled as a full-time student

College Major

Preference will be given to students who are planning to pursue a career in Christian ministry.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

The scholarship is renewable for up to 3 years (a total of 4 years) if the student:

- remains a full-time student (12 hours) at Abilene Christian University
- maintains a 2.75 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale each semester

Scholarship Amount

Historically \$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

NOTES:

Frequently Asked Questions

About Scholarships & Financial Aid

Q) How do I know if I am eligible for a particular scholarship?

A) Most scholarships have eligibility criteria such as graduating from a high school in a certain county, planning to major in a specific course of study, attending a particular college or university, or participating in a designated extracurricular activity. You must meet all stated criteria to be eligible. Eligibility criteria is listed in summary form on the "User Friendly Scholarship Chart" and in more detail under the "Available Scholarships" tab at <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>.

Q) How do I apply?

A) All applications are required to be filed online. Access the application via the "Access Application" link for each scholarship tab found inside the "Available Scholarships" tab at <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>.

Q) May I apply for more than one scholarship?

A) Yes. You must submit an application for each unique scholarship.

Q) Can I receive more than one scholarship?

A) Yes. Each scholarship committee is different and selects the best candidates within the pool of applicants available to them. If you are a strong candidate, it is possible you will be selected for multiple awards.

Q) Which counties are ETCF counties named under the hometown or geographic region eligibility requirement?

A) Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Franklin, Free-stone, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Lamar, Leon, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood.

Q) Which high schools are considered Smith County schools for eligibility requirements

A) Public and private schools located in Arp, Bullard, Chapel Hill, Lindale, Troup, Tyler, Whitehouse, and Winona are Smith County schools. Students residing in Smith County and within the Van ISD and Gladewater ISD boundaries are also eligible.

Q) May homeschool students apply?

A) Homeschool students may apply as private school students, assuming they meet all other eligibility criteria. Be aware that a reference from a teacher with direct classroom experience may be required and references from relatives are not allowed.

Q) Will any browser work with the scholarship application software at www.etcf.org?

A) Google Chrome is the recommended browser. Whichever browser you are using must be one of the two most recent versions.

Q) May I mail my transcript and other requested documents to ETCF?

A) No. The entire application should be submitted electronically. Simply scan the document, save it as a file, and attach that file to the application where requested. If you have multiple transcripts, please save in a single file.

Q) May I attach my resume' or brag sheet as a supporting document?

A) No. Only attach the requested documents. If you have more extracurricular activities or community service than space allows, include those activities most important to you in the space provided. You should be able to copy and paste from a Word document into the application.

Q) Will a screen shot of my ACT or SAT scores be acceptable as an attachment?

A) Yes.

Q) What is the deadline for references?

A) The deadline for references is the same for the application. Students will want to request references early in the process as applications **CANNOT** be submitted until references have been received by ETCF.

Q) What is the FAFSA and how do I complete it?

A) The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used by colleges and universities to determine the amount and type of financial aid awarded to students annually. Complete the free application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The amount your family is able to pay for school, the Expected Family Contribution or EFC, will be determined and reported to you. The EFC amount is required on all East Texas Communities Foundation need-based scholarship applications. Helpful resources related to filing the FAFSA can be found at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa> and <https://www.edvisors.com/fafsa/> and <http://www.educationquest.org/> and <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>.

Q) What if I don't have access to the Internet? Is there another method of filing the FAFSA?

A) While the U.S. Department of Education encourages filing the FAFSA online—due to a lower error rate and faster processing time—a paper version is available by calling (800) 433-3242. You may request up to three forms. In addition, a PDF version of the FAFSA will be available at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. From there you can access the PDF, complete the form by computer or hand, and mail it to the address provided for processing.

Q) When will I know if I have been awarded a scholarship from East Texas Communities Foundation?

A) Recipients will be notified by mail in April. Applicants not awarded a scholarship will be notified by e-mail.

Q) Will I receive the scholarship check?

A) No. College scholarship payments are mailed directly to the school's financial aid office. Your scholarship check will be made payable to the accredited, educational institution you are attending.





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- Building permanent endowments for our region's changing issues and opportunities

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