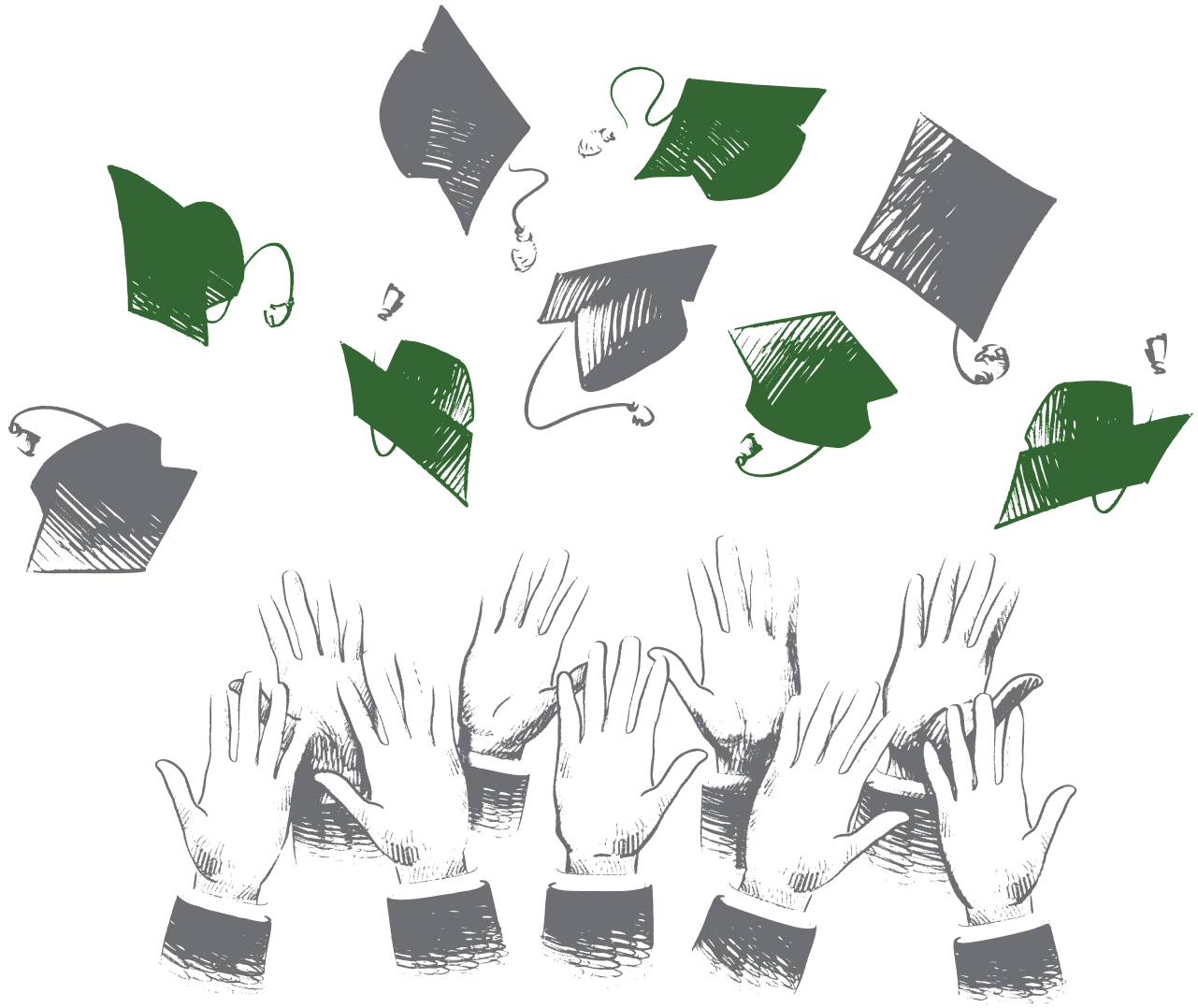


East Texas Communities Foundation

2021 Scholarship Recipients



 Simplified Charitable Giving

East Texas Communities Foundation is extremely grateful to the following community members who served on our scholarship selection committees this year. They donate hours of time reading applications, imparting valuable insight, and keeping the selection process impartial and objective.

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Caron Breckel	Doice Grant	Jeanelle Maland	Kim Rowden	Ginger Walker
Brad Brookshire	Carl Gray	Dave Maland	Janice Rowland	Chesley Walters
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Jean Burroughs	Courtney Green	Becky Martin	Wes Russell	Pattie Willbanks
Joel Byers	Julie Greene	Aaron Martinez	Laura Russell	Sandy Williamson
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Robbie Campbell	Rachael Griffith	Patrick McArthur	Joey Seeber	Jenni Wilson
Melanie Canant	Lisa Grimm	Shane McConnell	Corbin Seliga	Wayne Wilson
Hunter Carr	Carter Grooms	Paula McDermott	Beth Short	Steve Winston
Anthe Caruso	Roger Guenther	Terry McRae	Dale Short	Lynn Winston
Luke Chachere	Beth Guinn	Julie Mettlen	Libby Shoup	Jason Wright
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East Texas Communities Foundation is pleased to honor the 128 new recipients of scholarships awarded for the 2020-21 academic year. These students were selected from over 1,200 applicants for 68 different scholarships. Their awards total \$220,250.

In addition, 56 renewing scholarship recipients will be awarded \$128,250 to continue their education. The total amount of scholarship money East Texas Communities Foundation will distribute for the coming school year is \$348,500.

PROGRAM

7:00	Welcome, Kyle Penney, President, ETCF
7:05	Congratulations! Tiffany Kirgan, Board Chair at ETCF <i>Partner at Johnson Financial</i>
7:10	Scholarships announced by Dana Durman, Program Officer, ETCF

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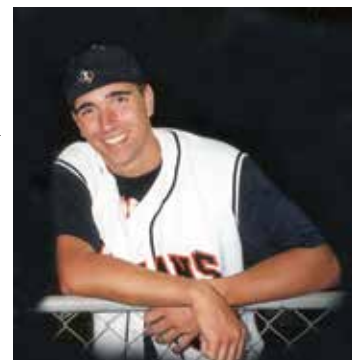
Adam Carroll Scholarship

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.

2021 Recipient

Hailey Darby Grand Saline High School



A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Winston were both long-time educators with Tyler ISD who emphasized the importance of higher education.

Established by the Winston children, all graduates of Texas A&M, to honor their parents, the A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from a Smith County high school entering Texas A&M University.

2021 Recipient

Abby Payne Lindale High School

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. He was also in the Whitehouse High School Band and Jazz Band.

The purpose of the Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship is to provide assistance to a graduating senior at Whitehouse High School who has participated in the band program for four years and shows high moral character.



2021 Recipient

Alexander Owens Whitehouse High School

Mark W. Allen Memorial Scholarship

Mark Allen was an Emmy-award winning journalist and missionary. A multi-talented man, Mark worked in broadcast news, directed and produced a critically-acclaimed film and reality television series, authored a novel based on the Galveston hurricane of 1900, and traveled the world teaching people how to use technology to spread the gospel.

Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Mark to encourage and support creative students attending a school in the University of Texas System.



2021 Recipient

Haley Linscott Whitehouse High School

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

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

2021 Recipient

BreAnna Pettingill Texas Tech University

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 of the dedication of State of Texas employees.

2021 Recipients

Tavis Dosser	Jacksonville High School	Bailee Boyd	Whitehouse High School
Emeline Mackey	Weber State University	Elijah Russell	Rusk High School
Alison Cheney	Lindale High School		

T.J. Ivey Scholarship

The Thomas James Ivey scholarship supports students from Buffalo High School and Leon High School in Jewett as they enter their freshman year of college.

2021 Recipients

Kaline Martinez	Buffalo High School
Gimena Ceja	Leon High School
Tanner Burroughs.....	Leon High School
Allee Pervis.....	Leon High School

Gerald and Charlie Stoker Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Stoker were long-time residents of Winnsboro. Family and friends honored them with this scholarship fund.

2021 Recipient

Caleb Miller	Winnsboro High School
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Tadge & Bill O'Donnell Scholarship

Madge Lucille "Tadge" and W.C. "Bill" O'Donnell were high school sweethearts. Together, they worked and raised a family in Beaumont and Tulsa. Some take from life and some give. Tadge O'Donnell was a giver – to her family, friends, and community through PTA, several hospitals, and her church. This scholarship reflects her legacy by supporting students from high schools in Anderson County who demonstrate a history of volunteerism.

2021 Recipient

Aven Alexander	Palestine High School
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Roy and Betty Erickson Scholarship

Established by Big Sandy residents Betty and Roy Erickson, this scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors in East Texas who have earned a 4.0 GPA and outstanding SAT/ACT scores.

2021 Recipients

Hadley Watts	Central Heights High School	Sajid Bhuiyan	Tyler Legacy High School
Joshua Clark	Center High School	Jihad Bang.....	Grace Community School
Stian Du Preez.....	Van High School	Cecily Gibson	Center High School
Caroline Richbourg.....	Tyler Legacy High School	Kennedy Croom	Spring Hill High School
Matthew Castillo	Troup High School		

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 still associated with East Texas.

The E. H. Caldwell Scholarships are awarded to East Texas residents wishing to pursue or advance careers in nursing.



2021 Recipients

Samuel Nemati Univ. of Texas at Tyler Alix Barr Univ. of Texas at Arlington

East Texas Geological Society Scholarship

The East Texas Geological Society is an educational organization working to further knowledge in the field of geology for both its professional members and students. Students who are at least sophomores and have declared a major in geology are eligible for this scholarship.

2021 Recipients

Tyler West Stephen F. Austin State Univ. Stephanie White Baylor University

Randy Willmon Memorial Firefighter Scholarship

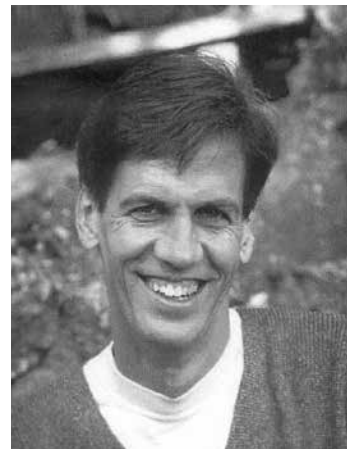
Randy Willmon was a brave firefighter who led by example and was the model of what a man should be. He held the rank of Captain for the City of Dallas Fire Department, where he served for 28 years and also served on the Lindale Fire Department for 9 years.

Randy set an example of how to live life. He was devoted to loving God, his family, and his many friends. Steve and Lynn Winston established this scholarship for a deserving Lindale High School graduate to earn certification in Firefighting at Tyler Junior College in honor of their special friend.



Not awarded in 2021

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.

At the time of his death, he 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. Gary's friends and family established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Gary so that deserving Tyler Legacy High School, formerly Robert E. Lee High School, graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

2021 Recipient

Caroline Richbourg Tyler Legacy High School

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarships

Dr. David Braithwaite was a brilliant research chemist and Chairman and CEO of Nalco Chemical Company. He was widely recognized in his field for his expertise and innovations.

Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite's numerous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community reflect her life-long interest in the arts as well as her love of her fellow East Texans.



Braithwaite Scholarship in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology

2021 Recipients

Justin McGuire.....Palestine High School Olivia KimBrook Hill School
Sean MillerWestwood Hill School

Braithwaite Scholarship in Chemistry

2021 Recipients

Angel Garcia.....Center High School Christina Hardiman.....Brook Hill School
Trinity Hudgins.....Whitehouse High School

Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College

2021 Recipients

Katelyn MaloneWhitehouse High School Chloe Burgamy.....Whitehouse High School

Braithwaite Scholarship in Vocational–Technical Study in Medically-Related Fields

2021 Recipients

Rylan Clakley.....Whitehouse High School
Patricia Jackson.....Westwood High School
Tristen RileyWaskom High School
Bella McNeill.....Slocum High School
Laiken Allen.....Winnsboro High School
Ryan Lee.....Overton High School



Whitehouse Young Farmers Scholarship

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

2021 Recipient

Madelyn Burlingame Whitehouse High School



Seeber Tyler ISD Scholarship

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

2021 Recipient

Keelan Erwin Tyler High School

Francis 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.

2021 Recipient

Cole Fitzgerald Texas A&M Univeristy

Sherilyn A. Willis, M.D. Medical Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Sherilyn's family to honor her career in medicine. It was created to help support students in medical school who plan to practice medicine in Texas.

2021 Recipient

Shelby Bagby Univ. of Texas Medical
Branch at Galveston

Kenny Ponder Master WoodCraft Scholarship



Master WoodCraft Cabinetry, LLC is committed to excellent craftsmanship to create a work-place environment that truly cares for its employees, customers, and community in Jefferson and Marshall, Texas.

This scholarship honors Kenneth (Kenny) Ponder who started as a laborer and worked his way up to Executive Vice President of Master WoodCraft, his family's kitchen cabinet business, where he served until his untimely passing in 2017. Mr. Ponder earned a degree in Manufacturing Technology from North Carolina State University. This scholarship will support students pursuing a career in wood technology or a related field.

2021 Renewing Recipient

Gage Davis Pittsburg State University

Jackson Huse Scholarship

Jackson Huse loved everyone and never met a stranger. His gentle smile melted the hearts of those around him. He displayed strength, perseverance, and courage which taught others to look at each day as a blessing. Jackson passed away at age 6 after a brave battle with a brain tumor. He would have graduated from high school in 2019. This scholarship will benefit students like Jackson's sister, Meredith, who were greatly impacted by their sibling's death.

2021 Recipient

Savannah Petty Lindale High School



Gladys and Thomas “T.B.” Stewart Scholarships



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 Stewarts’ desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character.

One Stewart scholarship supports Smith County and surrounding area high schools while the second benefits a student attending Texas College in Tyler.

2021 High School Recipients

Roxana Velasco..... Tyler High School
 Jean Brigido..... Tyler High School
 Keelan Erwin Tyler High School

2021 Texas College Recipient

Not awarded in 2021

Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship

Citizens who have participated in the Tyler Police Department’s Citizens Police Academy know first hand the caliber of the City of Tyler’s Police Department.

Reflecting their desire to honor and benefit this wonderful group of civil servants, this scholarship is awarded to dependents of Tyler Police Department employees.



2021 Recipient

Jenna Thornhill.....Univ. of Texas at Tyler



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.

2021 Recipient

Annika Willett.....Tarkington High School

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. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate high moral character, leadership and community service.

2021 Recipient

Austin McDaniel.....Tyler Legacy High School



Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship

Although neither of the Praters was 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.



2021 Recipient

Peyton Adams..... Texas A&M University

Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County and selected surrounding school districts who plan to major in business.

2021 Recipients

Zakhar Zapolsky	Brook Hill School	Jake Tanner	Grace Community School
Max Richardson.....	Chapel Hill High School	Deuteronomy Smith.....	Tyler Legacy High School
Reese Roberts	Whitehouse High School	Keelan Erwin	Tyler High School
Hope Nelms	Lindale High School	Jean Brigido.....	Tyler High School
Cade Coffey	Grace Community School	TyJuan Cannon.....	Brook Hill School

Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Leslie Reid of Murchison who passed away in 2001 from cancer. It was established by her husband, Ron Reid, as a memorial to Leslie's determination, courage, zest for life, and love of showing horses.

Recipients must be female students from Henderson, Smith or Van Zandt County who are currently or have been involved in horse show activities.

2021 Recipient

Katherine Smith

Lindale High School



Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship



This scholarship was created by a donor who 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 serves as both a tribute to the benefactors who made the donor's education possible and as a way to make the same kind of investment in promising young people. It is awarded to dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

2021 Recipients

Johnathan Grant.....	Univ. of Texas at Austin	Rylie Smith	Baylor University
Tyra Young	Univ. of Texas at Tyler		

Juliette Low's Amazing Girls Scholarship

This scholarship honors Doris Riehm for her 65 years of service to Girl Scouts as a troop leader, Chair of the Girl Scouts World Committee and founding member of the International Ulave-Baden Powell Society.



2021 Recipients

Katelyn MaloneWhitehouse High School

Lila KatzTyler Legacy High School

Peace Officers & 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.

Not awarded in 2021

Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship

Mr. Hamm was active in the oil and gas business. After retiring to Bullard, the Hamms chose to give back to that community by funding a scholarship for Bullard High School graduates attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

2021 Recipients

Elijah MaysBullard High School

Allison SchultheisBullard High School

Texas Rose Festival Scholarship

Smith County graduating seniors and current college students are eligible for the Texas Rose Festival Scholarship. The recipient is invited to participate in Rose Sunday events.

2021 Recipient

Nicolas MontoyaTyler Legacy High School

Velma Lemons Future Teacher Scholarship



To honor the long-time teaching career of their mother, the children of Velma Lemons established this scholarship to assist students from specific counties who plan to major in education.

Mrs. Lemons' teaching career spanned 39 years and led her to work at almost every school in Tyler ISD. She also taught Sunday school to toddlers for 60 years.

Mrs. Lemons was very active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, teaching merit badges and supporting her three sons as they all earned the rank of Eagle Scout. In 1998, she received the Faithful Servant Award from the Boy Scouts for her work in scouting, church, and the community.

2021 Recipient

Bethani RoperSabine High School



Joe & Marguerite Davis Scholarship

The Davis Scholarship supports graduating high school seniors at Palestine and Westwood High Schools.

2021 Recipients

Aven AlexanderPalestine High School

Justin McGuirePalestine High School



R. Don Cowan Music and Performing Arts Scholarship

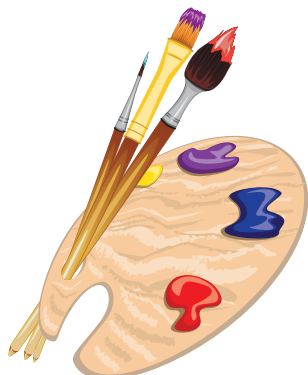
R. Don Cowan was a founder of Tyler-based TCA Cable. He and his wife, Frances, appreciated and enjoyed music. They were strong supporters of the arts in Tyler. This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing music and performing arts studies.



2021 Recipient

Emily Lininger Tyler Legacy High School

Edna Faulk Haberle Visual Arts Scholarship



The Edna Faulk Haberle Visual Arts Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students from Cherokee and surrounding counties who plan to major in visual arts. The Haberle family created this scholarship to honor Mrs. Haberle on her birthday in 2019.

2021 Recipient

Alex Flores Banda Tyler High School

Art Excellence Scholarship

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

Not awarded in 2021

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.

2021 Recipient

Lesley Chavez..... Palestine High School

Hugh P. Brown Memorial Scholarship

The Hugh P. Brown Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. Brown's family to support students studying automotive technology. It also honors a man who was curious about current events, had an easy-going and outgoing nature, gave generously, and loved his family. Born in 1890, Hugh only attended school through 3rd grade because he was needed on the family farm in Tennessee. Perhaps that is how he gained his repair skills. In fact, the lack of an education never stopped Hugh. He was well-read and had a photographic memory. By 1917, he was working as a mechanic in Texas when he ditched a motorcycle in front of a beautiful young lady's home. That young lady quickly came to his aid and became his wife, Lola!



Not awarded in 2021

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.

2021 Recipient

Elsa Davila..... San Augustine High School



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.

2021 Recipient

Alesha Rollins.....Hallsville High School

Christopher Lyon Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his art, delicate soul, and quirky laugh. Born in 1973 in Greenville, S.C., Chris was an artist by profession. He received his BFA in Drawing, Painting, and Photography from Western Carolina University in 1996 and his MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 where he met his wife Alexis, now an art professor at the University of Texas at Tyler. Chris died on January 9, 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.

2021 Recipient

Anna AshcraftCumberland Academy High School

Gertrude Windsor Garden Club Scholarship

The Gertrude Windsor Garden Club was founded in 1950 by its namesake and is affiliated with the Garden Club of America. The club's 50 active members sponsor events that stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening such as the conservation exhibit at the historic north entrance to the Tyler Rose Garden and their tri-annual flower show. They also endeavor to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment.

2021 Recipient

Gage MoncriefTyler Legacy High School

John Harris Scholarship

The John Harris Scholarship is the legacy of a man who was devoted to his community, his church, and education. Mr. Harris earned a degree in business and music at Baylor University, then returned to his hometown of Center, Texas, to teach high school students. He was generous, articulate, and attentive to detail. This fund was established upon his death to help students from Center High School attend college.

2021 Recipients

Angel GarciaCenter High School

Kristen Orsak Center High School

Baileigh BarreraCenter High School

Fredrick Michael Nachman Scholarship



Fredrick (Mike) M. Nachman graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Business Administration. He served in the Air Force Reserves and was a University of Texas Exes Life member. He started his career with Leasing Associates, Inc. in 1970 and in 2001 became CEO and sole owner. He was respected for his fair and ethical business practices. Mike loved hunting, fishing, and watching football. He was a loving family man.

Created by the Nachman family in remembrance of their father, this scholarship is awarded to a Smith County or Houston Bellaire High School graduating senior majoring in business at the University of Texas at Austin.

2021 Recipient

Jean Brigido Tyler High School

Henry and Evelyn Jordan Scholarship

Evelyn Davis Jordan graduated from Palestine High School at age 15 and studied music at SMU and Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Native Alabaman, Henry Latimer Jordan, started his law practice in Houston but came to Palestine as soon as he could, on the train, carrying only a suitcase and typewriter.

The Jordans were married on Christmas Day, 1938. They enjoyed motivating young people to be their best.

2021 Recipient

Lesley Chavez Palestine High School



East Texas Estate Planning Council Scholarship

The core value of the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils is that the team concept of estate planning best serves the client. This scholarship is open to graduating East Texas high school seniors who demonstrate the motivation to pursue a career in one of the primary disciplines engaged on the estate planning team such as accounting, law, finance, insurance, and philanthropic planning.

2021 Recipient

Kaline Martinez Buffalo High School

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's faith guides all his ventures as he models for his students how to honor, serve, and rely upon God in all that they do.



2021 Recipient

Emily Livesay Brook Hill School

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. 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.

2021 Recipient

Emily Lininger Tyler Legacy High School

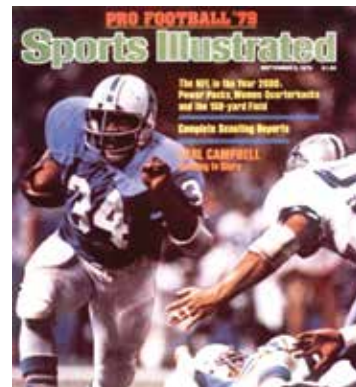


Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship was established by SPORTyler, Inc. in 2014. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County high schools that participated in varsity athletics programs. The intent of the Earl Campbell Scholarship is to encourage student athletes to succeed on and off the field. Recipients should exemplify the following characteristics: integrity, teamwork, sportsmanship, persistence and community involvement.

2021 Recipient

Josafat Covarrubias..... Bishop T.K. Gorman High School



Jean & Jim Gulley Texas Tech Scholarship



Established by friends and family to honor Mr. and Mrs. Gulley, this scholarship is supported by an annual memorial golf tournament.

Recipients must follow in the footsteps of the Gulley family by attending Texas Tech University.

2021 Recipient

Madelyn Burlingame..... Whitehouse High School

Sidney Moughon Scholarships

Sidney Rex Moughon lived his entire life in Gilmer except the time he spent in college at SMU which he attended on a football scholarship. He was a Christian man who loved the Lord and lived his faith every day as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Sidney worked at Gilmer National Bank, Lone Star Steel, and T&N Railroad. He spent the final 30 years of his life doing what he really loved - raising cattle on his acreage east of town.



The Sidney Rex Moughon Scholarship is open to non-traditional students and graduating seniors at high schools in Upshur and surrounding counties.

2021 Recipient

Bailee Chavez..... Harmony High School
Breanna Chavez Harmony High School
Bethani Roper Sabine High School
Kobe McAdoo Winnsboro High School

The Sidney Moughon Texas A&M Scholarship supports students attending Texas A&M University.

2021 Recipient

Jaiden Chism..... Pinetree High School
Bailee Chavez..... Harmony High School
Kobe McAdoo Winnsboro High School
Karlie Lowe Bullard High School

Ben and Betty Bitz Scholarship



Ben and Bettye Bitz enjoyed their retirement years in Berryville, Texas, where they were actively involved in their church and community. They generously supported youth education.

Ben was a WWII veteran who proudly served his country during the Normandy invasion, earning a Purple Heart. Betty was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxillary. This scholarship supports students from Frankston and LaPoyner High Schools.

2021 Recipient

Jaden Rackley Frankston High School

Barbara Bass Community College Scholarship



Barbara Bass was Tyler's first female mayor, serving from 2008 to 2014. Friends and family funded this scholarship to honor her when she left office due to term limits. She continues to contribute to her community through nonprofit work, as a retired CPA, and by auctioneering for nonprofit events. This scholarship is open to first generation college students who reside within the Tyler city limits and plan to attend a community college to earn an associate's degree.

2021 Recipient

Alyssa Davis Tyler High School

Robinson Family Memorial Scholarship

The Robinson Family Memorial Scholarship was established to benefit students at Lovelady High School and Bedias, Texas, residents attending Madisonville High School. The Robinsons were champions of education in their hometowns.

2021 Recipients

Kyra Rogers Lovelady High School

Erin Sample Lovelady High School



Wayne & Margie Morrison Scholarship

Wayne and Margie Morrison believed in always paying it forward and established this scholarship to benefit Smith County graduating seniors attending a four-year college or university in East Texas.

2021 Recipients

Roxana Velasco Tyler High School Allysa Leihgeber Whitehouse High School

Tatum Music Scholarship

Tatum Music Company has served East Texas school band programs for over 70 years, meeting the needs of both student musicians and area music educators.

Several former outstanding band directors have owned Tatum Music Company throughout its history. The current owner, Doice Grant, established this scholarship fund to benefit future instrumental music educators.

2021 Recipient

Emily Lininger Tyler Legacy High School



Kenneth Lewis & Robert Miles Memorial Scholarship

Kenneth Lewis was a very strong supporter of the junior Beefmaster Cattle Breeders and the East Texas State Fair. He was also Dean of Admissions and Registrar of Tyler Junior College for 45 years where he sponsored the Rodeo Club. Robert W. Miles enjoyed rodeo, cattle events, cruising the Caribbean, and sitting on the porch drinking Dr. Pepper. He was a "real dude Cowboy" and rancher. The scholarship supports active student members of the Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association. It is funded with proceeds from an annual heifer auction.

Will be awarded in July

Martha J. Critchfield Women in Finance Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor Martha J. 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 is awarded to a female East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in business in college.

2021 Renewing Recipient

Kaya Arthur..... Texas A&M University

Donald Scott Cooper Nursing Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Donald Scott Cooper to encourage students from Gregg, Rusk, and Smith Counties who plan to major in nursing.

Mr. Cooper has received excellent nursing care throughout his life and, in turn, hopes to repay the profession of nursing with this award.

2021 Recipient

Roxana Velasco..... Tyler High School

Partners in Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to Smith County graduating seniors who have actively participated in one of the performing or visual arts such as band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater arts or visual art and who plan to major in the visual or performing arts in college.

2021 Recipients

Emily Lininger..... Tyler Legacy High School

Abbie Borcharding..... Grace Community School

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.

2021 Renewing Recipient

Jaci White Abilene Christian Univ.

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.

Not awarded in 2021

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 at the age of 16 as a bag boy and stocker. At the time of his death, Tim was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He 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, but mostly he was a loving husband, father, and son. Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Tim for Tyler Legacy High School, formerly Robert E. Lee High School, graduates studying at the University of Texas.



2021 Recipient

Caroline Richbourg Tyler Legacy High School

Reily Foundation Scholarship

The Reily family are graduates of Tyler ISD, with several family members also proudly graduating from the University of Texas at Tyler Soules College of Business. In an effort to pay it forward, the Reilys established this scholarship to give other Tyler ISD students the opportunity to earn a business degree from their alma mater.

Not awarded in 2021

Nickolas-Truszkowska Scholarship

Established in 2020, the Nickolas-Truszkowska Scholarship is for students, current or new to college, who are recovering from addiction.

2021 Recipient

Joynell Barnett Welch

Captain William Barron Chapter Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Smith, Wood, Upshur, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson, Van Zandt or Rains County in East Texas.

2021 Recipient

William Raines Slocum High School

Winnie Frank Woolverton Scholarship

Winnie Frank Griffith Woolverton and her husband, B.G., traveled and worked in the oil fields before returning to Anderson County where their descendants were early settlers of the Tennessee Colony community. This scholarship is awarded to a male student at Palestine High School.

2021 Recipient

Justin McGuire Palestine High School

Buck Florence and Thomas C. Turner Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the families of Buck Florence and Thomas C. Turner and is awarded to graduating seniors from Hughes Springs High School in East Texas.

2021 Recipient

Skyler Strickland Hughes Springs High School

Joey Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Joey Johnson Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 with gifts from family and friends that honors the life of a young man who was caring and giving. A 1982 graduate of Overton High School, Joey attended Kilgore College and was working at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Kilgore at the time of his death. This scholarship supports students from Gladewater High School, Sabine High School, West Rusk High School or Overton High School.

2021 Recipient

Hailey Ragon Overton High School



Dalton and Betty Jones Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Study

The Jones were a generous couple from Henderson, Texas, who established scholarship funds for Rusk County graduating seniors and create opportunities for students to obtain a good education and rewarding careers. This scholarship is intended to aid persons who wish to receive vocational training and get into the workforce as quickly as possible.

2021 Recipients

Madison SwaffordHenderson High School
Ryan Lee.....Overton High School
Jolie Bryan.....Henderson High School

Dalton and Betty Jones Scholarship

Dalton and Betty Jones were a generous couple from Henderson, Texas, who established scholarship funds for Rusk County graduating seniors. This scholarship is specifically for students pursuing a bachelor's degree track in college.

2021 Recipients

Omar Rodriguez.....Tatum High School
Garrett CatesHenderson High School
Isabella Torres Carlisle High School



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Philanthropy builds community and changes lives.

East Texas Communities Foundation supports philanthropy by offering simple ways for donors to achieve their charitable goals.

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