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East Texas Communities Foundation

**SCHOLARSHIP
HANDBOOK**



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 Officers 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.

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Our Mission

Philanthropy builds community and changes lives.

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



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:**

Prior to Applying

- Request unofficial copies of your transcripts. Transcripts must include your most recent **Fall 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.
 - ▶ one reference must be from a teacher that has direct classroom experience with you.
 - ▶ references written by family members/ relatives will not be accepted.
- 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.

December 1, 2021

Scholarship applications open to students online at **www.ETCF.org on December 1, 2021**. 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.

How To Apply

- Access the list of East Texas Communities Foundation scholarships at **www.ETCF.org** (click on Scholarships, Available Scholarships).
- Click on the scholarship matching tools to determine your eligibility to apply.
- Begin search using matching questionnaire.
- Once eligibility is determined, click **Save to My Applications** 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.

February 1st or March 1st

Applications and required supporting documents, including references, must be submitted online at **www.ETCF.org** on or before either **February 1, 2022 or March 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**, unless noted otherwise. The deadline will be clearly noted on both the application and website.

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

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

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$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

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

Academic Record

Applicants 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 participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$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

Applicants 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

Applicants 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.

*ETCF Counties include : Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Franklin, Freestone, 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

Scholarship Amount

\$1,250 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, who show outstanding citizenship and leadership qualities, Christian devotion, excellent moral character, and demonstrate 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

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

College Major

Recipient 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 Requirments

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

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

Barbara Bass Community College Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor Barbara Bass's years of service as mayor of the City of Tyler. The recipient must be a resident of Tyler and a first generation college student.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a resident of the City of Tyler and a graduating senior in a public, private or homeschool high school.

Academic Record

Applicants 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

Recipient must plan to attend a community college as a full time undergraduate student, pursuing an associate's degree.

Other Requirements

Applicants must be first generation college students, meaning neither of your parents attended college.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one additional year if the recipient continues to meet all criteria.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,250 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available when scholarship is issued.

Ben & Bettye 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. He was also a WWII veteran who proudly served his country during the Normandy invasion, and she was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxillary. This scholarship supports students from Frankston High School in Anderson County, Texas, and LaPoyner High School in Henderson County, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors at Frankston High School in Anderson County, Texas, or LaPoyner High School in Henderson County, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants 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

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available when scholarship is 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

Applicants 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

Recipient 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

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$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

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 4.0 weighted on a 4.0 scale. Also, the applicant must have exemplary test scores in either: the SAT composite score must be 1400 or higher (math and evidence-based reading and writing), or the ACT composite score must be 31 or higher (English, math, reading & science).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient 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

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$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

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

Academic Record

Applicants 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

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

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 a graduating senior from Hughes Springs High School in East Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Hughes Springs High School in East Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is considered secondary in the selection process.

Length of Support

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

Scholarship Amount

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

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

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

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior at a public or private high school, or homeschool, from Smith, Wood, Upshur, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson, Van Zandt or Rains County.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school studies.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university located in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Essay

Recipient must demonstrate an interest or appreciation for the history, accomplishments or challenges of the American revolutionary war period by a written essay. Applicants should be available for a personal interview, if requested.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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

Applicants 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

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

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 in January 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

Applicants 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

Recipient 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

\$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 of the State of Texas employees.

High School / Residency

Applicants 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

Applicants 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 at the time of their initial application.

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

Dalton & Betty Jones Scholarship

Dalton and Betty Jones were a generous couple from Henderson, Texas, who established scholarship funds for Rusk County graduating seniors. Through this scholarship, the Daltons can create opportunities for students to obtain a good education and rewarding careers. This scholarship is specifically for students pursuing a bachelor's degree track in college. Students starting their education at a community college who are planning to transfer to a 4-year college are also eligible.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in Rusk County, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient of this scholarship must plan to attend a college or university in the State of Texas as a full time undergraduate student.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

Dalton & Betty Jones Scholarship for Vocational / Technical Study

Dalton and Betty Jones were from Henderson, Texas, who established scholarship funds for Rusk County graduating seniors. Because this scholarship is intended to aid persons who wish to receive vocational training and get into the workforce as quickly as possible, students seeking bachelor's degrees are not eligible.

The amount awarded may vary depending on number of scholarships and funds available.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in Rusk County, Texas.

Academic Record

High school applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must attend an accredited, non-profit institution in the State of Texas as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipient must plan to pursue a vocational/technical certificate or associates degree. Students seeking four year degrees are not eligible.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

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

- Maintains the 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

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500 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

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

Academic Record

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

College Major

Recipient 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 for up to three additional years, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Remains a full-time student
- Continues to pursue a major in chemistry

Scholarship Amount

\$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

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

Academic Record

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

College Major

Recipient 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 for up to three additional years, provided the recipient:

- Maintains a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- 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

\$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

Applicants must be 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

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

College Major

Recipient 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 the 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

\$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 this 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

Applicants 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

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

College Major

Recipient 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

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

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.

The amount awarded may vary depending on number of scholarships and funds available.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool located in Gregg, Rusk, or Smith Counties.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Applicant must plan to majoring in nursing.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 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 their 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

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

Academic Record

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants 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.

Applicants 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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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 only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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 may be awarded to a student who demonstrates the motivation to pursue a career in one of the primary disciplines engaged on the estate planning team.

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: 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.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major / Classification

Recipient must plan on majoring in one of the primary disciplines engaged in the estate planning process including, but not limited to accounting, law, finance, banking, investments, insurance financial planning, and philanthropic planning.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$500 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

Applicants 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 in college 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

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

Edna Faulk Haberle Visual Arts Scholarship

The Edna Faulk Haberle Visual Arts Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students planning to major in visual arts. While students from the namesake's hometown of Jacksonville, Texas, will be given preference, the scholarship is open to applicants from several East Texas counties. The Haberle family created this scholarship to honor Mrs. Haberle on her birthday in 2019.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a high school in Cherokee County, TX, or one of the following surrounding East Texas counties: Anderson, Angelina, Henderson, Houston, Nacogdoches, Rusk, and Smith. Preference will be given to Jacksonville ISD students, followed by Cherokee County students, and then students from surrounding counties.

Academic Record

High school applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, or design school in the United States.

College Major / Classification

Recipient must plan to major in visual arts, such as, but not limited to, drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, and graphic design.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

Faulconer Scholarship

Through the generosity of Tyler-based Faulconer Energy Company, this scholarship will be awarded to a male and a female minority student graduating from Tyler Independent School District in Tyler, Texas

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating senior from Tyler Independent School District in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 – 3.8 (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.

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:

- Maintains a 2.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale each semester.
- Remains a full time student (at least 12 hours).

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500 to be awarded to one male and one female student 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

Applicants 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

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

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 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

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

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 the 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

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

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

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

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 Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School) graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School) in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement.

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants 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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior or prior graduate of a public or private high school or homeschool located in Smith County. Current college undergraduates and non-traditional returning students may apply.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college, university, or nonprofit technical school in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipient must major in a subject that will lead to a career in horticulture, landscape design, environmental science, soil and crop management, forestry, conservation, natural resource management, or other plant-centered agricultural fields.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only. Prior recipients are encouraged to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 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

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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
- 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

\$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

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

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must attend Texas College in Tyler, Texas.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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 at Texas College
- Is a full-time student
- 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

\$1,250 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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

Applicants 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

Applicants 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

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Other Eligibility Requirements

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

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$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

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in one of ETCF's counties.*

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient 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.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

Henry & Evelyn Jordan Scholarship

Evelyn Davis Jordan graduated from Palestine High School at age 15 and went on to study music at SMU and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. On Christmas Day in 1938, she and Henry Jordan, a longtime Palestine attorney, were married. The Jordans were enthusiastic tennis and bridge players for many years. This scholarship supports students from Palestine High School in Anderson County, Texas.

High School / Residency

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

Academic Record

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

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$4,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Hubert "Hub" McGlothlin Scholarship

Hubert "Hub" McGlothlin, HMCS, USNR, was highly decorated and served with valor during his two tours of duty in Vietnam and in many countries around the world. After retiring from the Navy, Hub graduated from Our Lady of Holy Cross College and went on to teach and coach in south Louisiana and East Texas for more than 20 years.

In 2021, Hub's friends and family established this scholarship fund as a legacy to him so that deserving Winona High School and Cross Roads High School graduates may be able to attend college.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from either Winona High School in Smith County, Texas, or Cross Roads High School in Henderson County, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA.. 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

\$500 is to be awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Hugh P. Brown Memorial Scholarship

The Hugh P. Brown Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. Brown's family to honor his adventurous spirit. He once drove a man to Galveston in a Model T. He also crashed a motorcycle in front of a beautiful young lady's home. That young lady rescued him and became his wife! In spite of a 3rd grade education, Hugh Brown read the Houston Chronicle every day and had a photographic memory. He had a long and successful career as an auto mechanic in Trinity County, Texas. This scholarship will support students studying automotive technology.

High School / Residency

Applicants may be a current student of any age or a graduating senior from any high school in East Texas with a preference for graduates of Groveton ISD followed by a preference for graduates of other schools in Trinity County.

Academic Record

Applicants must be admitted to and remain academically eligible in their program of study.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited junior college or non-profit technical school in Texas which offers a certification or associate's degree program in automotive technology or a related field.

College Major

Recipient must plan on pursuing a certification or associate's degree in automotive technology, or a related field such as diesel technology, as a full-time student.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Need is considered but not above other criteria.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable through the completion of the current program of study, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- The recipient continues to pursue a certification or associate's degree program in automotive technology or related field
- The recipient is a full-time student
- The recipient maintains minimum academic eligibility as established by the college

Scholarship Amount

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

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. This scholarship will benefit students like Jackson's sister, Meredith, who were greatly impacted by their sibling's death.

High School / Residency

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school or college studies.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be admitted to attend a college or university or non-profit technical school located in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Other Requirements

Recipient must have experienced the loss of a sibling to terminal illness or accident.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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

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

Academic Record

Applicants 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

Recipient 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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

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

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

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient 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
- Remains in the same nursing program

Scholarship Amount

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

Joe & Marguerite Davis Scholarship

This scholarship supports students from Palestine High School or Westwood High School in Anderson County, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors at Palestine High School or Westwood High School in Anderson County, Texas.

Academic Record

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

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors from Gladewater High School, Sabine High School, West Rusk High School or Overton High School.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

John Harris Scholarship

The John Harris Scholarship is the legacy of a man who was extremely devoted to his community and to young people. The fund was established upon his death to help students from Center High School attend college.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Center High School in Center, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited nonprofit college, university, technical school, or business school in the State of Texas.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

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

\$2,500 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

Applicants 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

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0).

Other Eligibility Requirements

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

Applicants 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

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

Recipients are encouraged to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

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

Kathy's Kids Scholarship

This scholarship fund was 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

Applicants 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

Applicants must have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

Kenneth Lewis and Robert Miles Memorial JBBA Scholarship

Kenneth Lewis was a very strong supporter of the junior members of Beefmaster Cattle Breeders and the East Texas State Fair. He was also Dean of Admission and Registrar for Tyler Junior College for 45 years where he sponsored the Rodeo Club. He, his wife Patsy, and their family are fourth generation Beefmaster cattle breeders. Mr. Lewis was a graduate of Texas A&M University.

Robert W. Miles enjoyed rodeo, cattle events, cruising the Caribbean, and sitting on the porch drinking Dr. Pepper. He was a "real deal Cowboy" and rancher. He attended the University of Texas.

This scholarship supports student members of the Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association and honors the memory of two exceptional men.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public, private, or homeschool in the United States in the year of application.

College or University to be Attended

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have participated in agriculture activities during high school. Applicants must also be current members in good standing in the Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association and must have been members in the year prior to making application.

College Major

Recipient may pursue a degree program in any major at any accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States as a full-time student.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

Kenny Ponder Master WoodCraft Scholarship

Master WoodCraft Cabinetry, LLC is committed to excellent craftsmanship to create a workplace environment that truly cares for its employees, customers, and community in Jefferson and Marshall, Texas. This scholarship honors Kenneth (Kenny) Ponder who served as Executive Vice President of his family's kitchen cabinet business until his untimely passing.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants may be a current college student or a graduating senior from any public or private high school or homeschool in the United States.

Academic Record

There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the United States offering qualifying programs of study in wood technology or related fields.

College Major

Recipient must plan on pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree in wood technology, architectural manufacturing management, wood product management, wood processing or a related field as a full-time student.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

Length of Support

This scholarship may be renewable for up to three years, based on availability of funds, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Recipient continues to pursue an associate's degree or undergraduate degree with a major in wood technology or a related field
- Is a full-time student
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her undergraduate program

Scholarship Amount

\$5,000 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 friends have established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Lauren so that deserving graduates may be able to attend Texas A&M University.

High School / Residency

Applicants must a graduating senior from Tyler Legacy High School (formerly 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

Recipient 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

Applicants 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

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

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, Ron Reid. The scholarship is a memorial to Leslie's determination, courage, love of life, and love of showing horses.

High School / Residency

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants 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

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 not be considered.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,250 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Lieutenant Donaldson Tillar Memorial Scholarship

On February 27, 1991, 1st Lt. Donaldson "Donnie" Preston Tillar III died with eight other soldiers when their Blackhawk helicopter was shot down on the last day of hostilities during Operation Desert Storm. Donnie is the only West Point graduate to die in combat during Operation Desert Storm.

This scholarship has been awarded annually to a graduating senior from James I. O'Neill High School since 1992, for many of those years being funded through the generosity of one high school friend.

In 2019, members of the West Point Class of 1988 and past James I. O'Neill graduates established this scholarship to preserve Donnie's memory and assist students in their pursuit of a higher education.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors of James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls, NY.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be accepted to any accredited four-year university in the United States as a full-time student.

College Major

Applicant may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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 Allen to encourage and support creative students attending a school in the UT System.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from any public or private high school or home school in the State of Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be admitted to attend a University of Texas System university.

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in journalism, English, creative writing, photography, or radio-television-film.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$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

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

Academic Record

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants 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
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in her undergraduate program

Scholarship Amount

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

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

Applicants 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

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

Nickolas - Truskowska Scholarship

In recognition of the great strength inherent in persons overcoming alcohol or drug addiction, this scholarship will support students who have completed at least one year of sobriety and are currently pursuing an education or returning to school.

Residency

U.S. citizens residing in any state may apply.

Academic Record

Applicants can be a graduating high school senior, Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) holder, college undergraduate, or a non-traditional student starting or returning to school. There is no minimum GPA requirement.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college or university or nonprofit vocational/technical school in the United States as a full or part-time student.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Other Eligibility Requirements

This scholarship is focused on students age 17 to 30 who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. Preference will be given to veterans, military dependents, and dual diagnosis applicants.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship may be renewed for up to two years, or completion of degree/certification, if all renewal criteria are met.

Anonymity

Applicants may request anonymity and award recipients can request their name be kept private.

Scholarship Amount

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

Ophelia Denton PhD Memorial Scholarship

The Ophelia Denton PhD Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021 to benefit students at Palestine High School, Westwood High School and Elkhart High School, all in Anderson County, TX. This scholarship is specifically for students pursuing a bachelor's degree. Students starting their education at a community college who are planning to transfer to a 4-year college are also eligible.

Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from either Palestine High School, Westwood High School or Elkhart High School.

Academic Record

Applicants must have received a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500 will be awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Ophelia Denton Scholarship for Vocational/ Technical studies

The Ophelia Denton Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Studies was established in 2021 to benefit students at Palestine High School, Westwood High School and Elkhart High School, all in Anderson County, TX. This scholarship is intended to aid persons who wish to receive vocational training and get into the workforce as quickly as possible, students seeking a bachelor's degree are not eligible.

Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from either Palestine High School, Westwood High School or Elkhart High School.

Academic Record

Applicants must have received a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to enroll at Texas State Technical College in Waco or one of their 10 satellite campuses.

College Major

Recipient must plan to pursue a vocational/technical certificate or associates degree. Students seeking a four year degree are not eligible.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500 will be 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

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

Academic Record

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

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

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

College Major

Recipient 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

\$1,000 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

Applicants 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

Applicants 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

Recipient 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

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

Randy Willmon Memorial Firefighter Scholarship

Randy Willmon held the rank of Captain for the City of Dallas Fire Department, where he served for 28 years. He 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. He was a brave firefighter who led by example and a model of what a man should be. Steve and Lynn Winston established this scholarship, in honor of their special friend, for a deserving Lindale High School graduate to pursue a certification in Firefighting at Tyler Junior College.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a current graduating senior or former graduate of Lindale High School, with a preference for graduating high school seniors.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school or college.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to attend or be a current student at Tyler Junior College in the Basic Firefighting Academy.

College Major

Recipient must plan on pursuing certification in Firefighting.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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. Their hope is for recipients to leverage the outstanding education and experience to make a positive impact through their future careers.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduate of Tyler ISD and a current freshman in college.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her fall semester of college.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be enrolled, and plan to remain enrolled, as a full time student at The University of Texas at Tyler.

College Major

Recipient must major in business.

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
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale) in her undergraduate program.

Scholarship Amount

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

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

Applicants 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

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in business.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$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

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year.

Scholarship Amount

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

Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship

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

Applicants 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

Recipient must be accepted to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

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

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Lovelady High School, Lovelady, Texas, or a resident of Bedias, Texas, and a graduating senior from Madisonville High School, Madisonville, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan on pursuing a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or certification and may attend any accredited (and nonprofit) college, university, vocational, or technical school in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

Sammy Joe & Martha Jean Calhoun Family Scholarship for Disability Studies

Established by Martha Jean Calhoun, this scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating high school senior or past graduate of any public or private high school or homeschool in one of the counties serviced by East Texas Communities Foundation.

High School / Residency

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in a field related to an intended occupation focusing on caring for mentally and physically challenged persons (including, but not limited to, areas such as special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, social work, counseling-professional, sign language interpreter, licensed therapist, speech pathology, applied behavior analyst, etc.).

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

Length of Support

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

- The recipient continues to pursue an undergraduate degree in a field related to caring for mentally or physically challenged persons.
- The recipient is a full-time student.
- The recipient maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Scholarship Amount

TBD but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Seeber Tyler ISD Scholarship

The Seeber Tyler ISD 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

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School) or Tyler High School (formerly John Tyler High School) or Tyler ISD Early College High School in Tyler, Texas. Preference will be given to residents of the City of Tyler.

Academic Record

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

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. 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

\$1,250 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

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

College Major

Recipient 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

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

Sidney Rex Moughon Scholarship

Sidney Moughon lived his entire life in Gilmer except the time he spent in college at SMU which he attended on a football scholarship. Sid was a Christian man who loved the Lord and lived his faith every day as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He spent the final 30 years of his life doing what he loved – raising cattle.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a non-traditional student (returning to school, older than average student, GED, etc.) or a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in one of the following East Texas counties: Camp, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Upshur, and Wood.

Academic Record

High school applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the state of Texas.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

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).

Scholarship Amount

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

Sidney Moughon Texas A&M Scholarship

Sidney Moughon lived his entire life in Gilmer except the time he spent in college at SMU which he attended on a football scholarship. Sid was a Christian man who loved the Lord and lived his faith every day as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He spent the final 30 years of his life doing what he loved – raising cattle. The recipient of this scholarship must plan to attend Texas A&M University as a full time undergraduate student.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or homeschool in one of the following East Texas counties: Camp, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Smith, Upshur, and Wood.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be accepted to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, as a full time undergraduate student.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need will be considered but not 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)

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500 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

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

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

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

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 at a time. Students who still meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to re-apply each year.

Scholarship Amount

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

Tadge & Bill O'Donnell Scholarship

Tadge O'Donnell was an active volunteer in her community. This scholarship reflects her legacy by supporting students from high schools in Anderson County, Texas, who demonstrate a history of volunteerism.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be current graduating seniors or prior graduates of a public or private high school or homeschool in Anderson County, Texas.

Academic Record

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

Other Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate a history of volunteerism.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may plan to attend or be currently attending any accredited college or university in the United States pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate degree.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from any high school in East Texas receiving services from Tatum Music Company.* Applicants are NOT required to own or use an instrument purchased, leased, or serviced by Tatum Music Company.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient must plan to major in instrumental music education.

Other Requirements

Applicants should demonstrate high moral character and show musical aptitude and leadership through participation and success in some or all of the following areas:

- TMEA All Region, All Area, or All State
- UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, Region or State
- Section leader
- Band leadership positions

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need may be considered in the selection process but is not required.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for up to a total of three years if the student:

- Continues to pursue an undergraduate degree in instrumental music education
- Maintains a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Is a full-time student

Scholarship Amount

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

*Current schools serviced include: all Angelina County public schools except Zavalla HS, all Gregg County public schools, all Harrison County public schools, all Henderson County public schools except Eustace HS and Trinidad HS, all Rusk County public schools except Laneville HS, all Shelby County public schools, all Smith County public schools, all Titus County public schools, all Upshur County public schools, plus these individual high schools – All Saints Episcopal, Alto, Atlanta, Beckville, Canton, Carthage, Central Heights, Cushing, DeKalb, Frankston, Full Armor Christian Academy, Garrison, Grace Community, Grand Saline, Hawkins, Hughes Springs, Jacksonville, James Bowie, Jefferson, Linden Kildare, Longview Christian Fellowship, Lovelady, Maud, Mineola, Nacogdoches, New Boston, Palestine, Paul Pewitt, Pittsburg, Queen City, Rains, Rivercrest, Rusk, Saint Mary's, San Augustine, and Van. List of schools subject to change without notice.

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

Applicants 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

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient 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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$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 Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School) graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior at Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School) in Tyler, Texas.

Academic Record

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

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 may pursue an undergraduate degree in any major. All Tyler Legacy High School (formerly Robert E. Lee) seniors planning to attend UT Austin are encouraged to apply. Since Tim King earned a degree in business, preference may be given to business and accounting majors.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

T.J. Ivey Scholarship

The Thomas James Ivey scholarship supports students from Buffalo High School in Buffalo, Texas, or Leon High School in Jewett, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be graduating seniors at Buffalo High School in Buffalo, Texas, or Leon High School in Jewett, Texas.

Academic Record

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

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

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$2,000 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

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

Academic Record

Applicants 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 a child of a current employee of the City of Tyler, Texas Police Department.

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient 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

\$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

Applicants 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

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient must plan to major in education.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicant 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

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

Wayne & Margie Morrison Scholarship

The Wayne and Margie Morrison Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 through the generosity of Wayne and Margie Morrison. The Morrison's 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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school or home school located in Smith County.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited four-year college or university in East Texas (Texas A&M-Texarkana, LeTourneau University, East Texas Baptist University, Stephen F. Austin, University of Texas (Tyler, Palestine and Longview), Jarvis Christian College, Texas College and Wiley College.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship may be renewed for 3 years (a total of 4 years) if all renewal criteria are met:

- Continues to pursue a bachelor's degree
- Remains a full-time student (at least 12 hours)
- Maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship Amount

\$4,000 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Whitehouse High School.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

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

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,500 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

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

Academic Record

Applicants 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

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

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. There they owned a dairy and Mrs. Woolverton served as Postmaster for over 23 years. She was a 1926 graduate of Palestine High School and faithful member of the Palestine High School Alumni Association. This scholarship is awarded to a male student at Palestine High School in Anderson County, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a male student from Palestine High School in Anderson County, Texas.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Students should submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. Financial need is a primary consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

Frequently Asked Questions

About Scholarships & Financial Aid

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

A) Many scholarships have specific eligibility criteria such as attending a certain school, majoring in a particular subject, or participating in a designated extracurricular activity. You must meet all stated criteria to be eligible. Use the simple matching tools found at <https://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/> to determine which scholarships you are most likely eligible for and to access the applications. Detailed and summary descriptions of each scholarship are also found there.

Q) How do I apply?

A) All applications are required to be completed online. Access the application via the general scholarship matching tools found in the Available Scholarships tab.

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, Freestone, 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 and FireFox are the recommended browsers. Internet Explorer is not supported.

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/>

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 early May. 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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- Promoting philanthropy in all its forms
- Building permanent endowments for our region's changing issues and opportunities

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