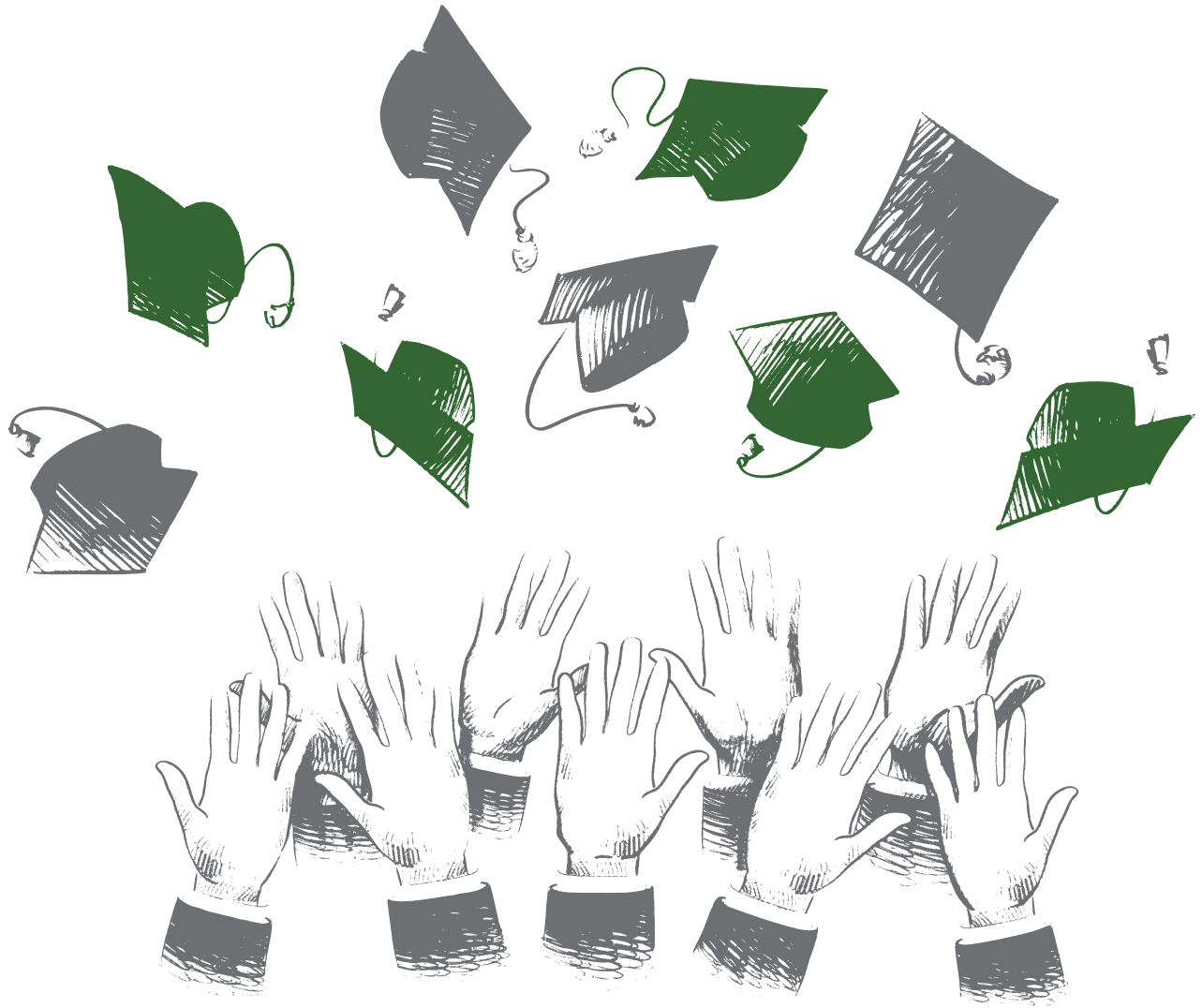


East Texas Communities Foundation

2024 Scholarship Recipients



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

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East Texas Communities Foundation is pleased to honor the 162 new recipients of scholarships awarded for the 2024-25 academic year. These students were selected from over 6,000 applicants for 100 different scholarships. Their awards total \$371,750.

In addition, 115 renewing scholarship recipients will be awarded \$575,500 to continue their education. The total amount of scholarship money East Texas Communities Foundation will distribute for the coming school year is \$887,250.

PROGRAM

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| 5:30 | Welcome, Kyle Penney, President, ETCF |
| 5:35 | Congratulations! Shannon Glenney, Board Chair at ETCF |
| 5:40 | Scholarships announced by Dana Durman, Program Officer, ETCF |

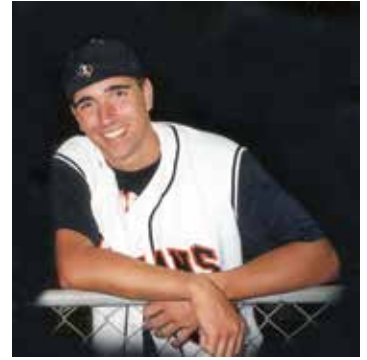
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ETCF works with individuals, families, businesses, financial advisors and nonprofit organizations to create charitable funds which support a wide variety of community causes and individual philanthropic interests.

To create your legacy, contact ETCF at 903-533-0208 or email etcf@etcf.org.

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.

2024 Recipient

Kadence EubankGrand Saline High School

A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship



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

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

2024 Recipient

Caden Garrick..... Bullard High School

Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship

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



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

2024 Recipient

Victoria MoranWhitehouse High School

Mark W. Allen Memorial Scholarship

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



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

2024 Recipient

Cameron Ames..... Tyler Legacy High School

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Corinne WorthingtonTexas Tech University

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

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

2024 Recipients

Cameron Ames..... Tyler Legacy High School Mackenzie Lee Tyler Legacy High School
Christopher Woodley Whitehouse High School Caroline Johnson..... Whitehouse High School
Elizabeth Cater Bishop T. K. Gorman High School

T.J. Ivey Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Ashley Medina Buffalo High School
Julio Gonzalez..... Buffalo High School
Logan Walker..... Buffalo High School

Gerald and Charlie Stoker Memorial Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Joseph-Hoang Nguyen..... Winnsboro High School

Tadge & Bill O'Donnell Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Nathaniel Reyes..... Palestine High School

Roy and Betty Erickson Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Austen Walls Tyler Legacy High School Chanseo Yim Brook Hill School
Seth Wilson Grace Community School Jackson Auer Tyler Legacy High School
Connor Starnes..... Grace Community School Oluseyi Olusola Grace Community School
Jack Bergfeld Tyler Legacy High School Nathan Langley Palestine High School

Patsy Key Ponder Scholarship

The Patsy Key Ponder Scholarship was established by the generosity of her family in 2024 to honor their mother and grandmother. Patsy was a graduate of Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Texas, and worked as an accountant before she became CFO and Co-Owner of Master WoodCraft Cabinetry. She served as Chairman of the Board of Marshall Hospital and a Trustee of Wiley College. This scholarship will award students from Jefferson High School in Marion County, Texas



2024 Recipients

l'Tasia RaingeJefferson High School Kylee McGregor.....Jefferson High School

Kenny Ponder Master WoodCraft Scholarship



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

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

2024 Renewing Recipient

Lucy Vitali..... Oregon State University

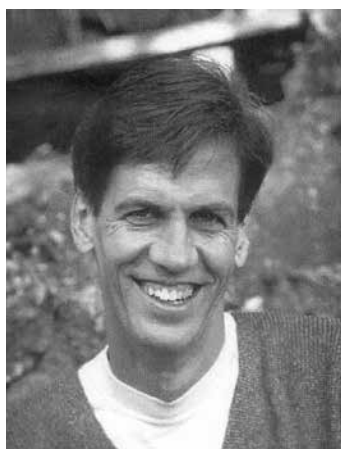
East Texas Geological Society Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Natalie Girlinghouse.....Stephen F. Austin University Colton Klatt.....U.T. San Antonio

Gary Neel Memorial Scholarship



Gary Neel was a very proud and passionate 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and 1976 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

At the time of his death, he was a senior district manager at a major pharmaceutical company. His sensitivity, humility, and quiet strength were manifested in his love for his wife, family, co-workers and friends.

Gary’s love, friendship, and wisdom touched many hearts and made a difference in the lives of all who knew him. Gary’s friends and family established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Gary so that deserving Tyler Legacy High School, formerly Robert E. Lee High School, graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

2024 Recipient

Emmanelle Nunn.....Tyler Legacy High School

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarships

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

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



Braithwaite Scholarship in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology

2024 Recipients

William Bogs..... Beckville High School Thomas Zavala, Jr. Early College High School
Addie Sartor..... Tyler Legacy High School

Braithwaite Scholarship in Chemistry

2024 Recipients

Charles Moore Whitehouse High School Blake Smith..... Whitehouse High School
Neville Siko Brook Hill School

Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College

2024 Recipients

Karissa Burdine..... Tyler Junior College Justin Gilley..... Tyler Junior College

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

2024 Recipients

Savannah Bradsher..... Kilgore College
Adeliz Hinojosa Paris High School
Katelynn Lewis Gladewater High School
Kaylee Montgomery..... Spring Hill High School
Maryah Owens Clarksville High School
Fiona Rolland White Oak High School
Mariela Ruiz Clarksville High School
Constance Sifford Kilgore High School
Rylee Yates Westwood High School



Whitehouse Young Farmers Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Dominic Bock..... Whitehouse High School



Seeber Tyler ISD Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Miguel YanezEarly College High School

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.

2024 Recipient

Clarissa Browning.....Whitehouse High School

Sherilyn A. Willis, M.D. Medical Scholarship

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

Not awarded in 2024

Randy Willmon Memorial Firefighter Scholarship

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

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

Not awarded in 2024



Jackson Huse Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Molly BryansTyler Legacy High School



Gladys and Thomas “T.B.” Stewart Scholarships



The Stewarts, life-long residents of Tyler, valued their faith and the role of education in their lives and served as positive role models to young people.

Mrs. Stewart was an educator with Tyler ISD for 40 years. It was the Stewarts’ desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character.

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

2024 High School Recipients

- Miguel Yanez..... Early College High School
- Gabriela Garcia..... Tyler High School
- Aryana Gutierrez..... Early College High School

2024 Texas College Recipient

- Johnathan Olguin Clarksville High School

Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship



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

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

2024 Recipient

- Presley McCraw Texas A&M University



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.

Not awarded in 2024

Lauren Lewis Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Lewis was a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a senior at Texas A&M University in College Station at the time of her death. Lauren was a devoted Christian who loved Jesus Christ and served her fellow students and community. She was active in the Maggie Women’s Leadership Organization of Texas A&M University and volunteered at a local Boys & Girls Club. Lauren (La La) lived life with gusto. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate high moral character, leadership and community service.



2024 Recipient

- Camden Howard..... Tyler Legacy High School

Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship

Although neither of the Praters was able to attend college due to financial reasons, they were firm believers in education. Mrs. Prater taught kindergarten before it was part of the public school system. She also sold World Book Encyclopedias.

Mr. Prater was valedictorian of his high school class. His passion was working with Boy Scouts. He mentored 12 Eagle Scouts as a Scoutmaster and received the Woodbadge and Silver Beaver Awards.

This scholarship is to be awarded to an Eagle Scout from Liberty County or an ETCF county accepted to or currently attending Texas A&M University.



2024 Recipient

Luke Nichols Texas A&M University

Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Xiomary Daniel..... Early College High School	Victor Martinez..... Early College High School
Joshua BarnsTyler Legacy High School	Luke Davis Tyler Legacy High School
Jose Moreno.....Chapel Hill High School	Isaiah Price Bullard High School
Sarai Maya..... Homeschool	Emily Betancourt Tyler Legacy High School
Lily DriggersWhitehouse High School	

Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship

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

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



2024 Recipient

Olivia York..... Van High School

Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship



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

2024 Recipients

Seth WilsonGrace Community School	May Coker Tyler Legacy High School
Caleb Wilson.....East Texas Baptist University	

Juliette Low's Amazing Girls Scholarship

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



2024 Recipient

Elizabeth Cater Bishop T.K. Gorman High School

Peace Officers & Firefighters Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Aidan Ehrlich..... Lufkin High School

Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Rachel Petty.....Bullard High School
Isaiah PriceBullard High School

Texas Rose Festival Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

A'Niya Hartsfield Tyler High School

Reuland and Barnhart Orthodontics Scholarship

Reuland and Barnhart Orthodontics has served as a leading orthodontic practice in the East Texas community for over 20 years. This scholarship is awarded to two high school seniors pursuing careers in healthcare.

2024 Recipients

Christopher WoodleyWhitehouse High School
Madilyne Hill Big Sandy High School

Byers Family Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Byers Family Foundation in 2023 to provide scholarships for students from Rusk High School in Cherokee County, Texas.

2024 Recipient

Kaitlyn Hardy.....Rusk High School

Joe & Marguerite Davis Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Nathan LangleyPalestine High School Nathaniel ReyesPalestine High School



R. Don Cowan Music and Performing Arts Scholarship



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

2024 Recipient

Victoria Moran Whitehouse High School

Edna Faulk Haberle Visual Arts Scholarship

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

Not awarded in 2024

Raymond E. Jackson & Mira R. Rogers Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Lillie KnepperLiberty High School

Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship

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

2024 Renewing Recipient

Troy DaneUniversity of Texas at Tyler

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.

2024 Recipient

Brody Mitchell.....Palestine High School

Hugh P. Brown Memorial Scholarship

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



2024 Recipient

Johnny Lopez.....Lufkin High School

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.



2024 Recipient

Khang Doan..... San Augustine High School

Kathy's Kids Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

MarKeiya Beall Longview High School

Christopher Lyon Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his art, delicate soul, and quirky laugh. Born in 1973 in Greenville, S.C., Chris was an artist by profession. He received his BFA in Drawing, Painting, and Photography from Western Carolina University in 1996 and his MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 where he met his wife Alexis, now an art professor at the University of Texas at Tyler. Chris died on January 9, 2007, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. This scholarship was created to remember Chris, encourage young art students, and reward them for their hard work.

2024 Recipient

Lisa Horlander..... University of Texas at Tyler

Pasha Zapolsky Memorial Scholarship

Pasha Zapolsky was an international boarding student from Ukraine that attended The Brook Hill School. Pasha's goal in coming to the United States was to continue his education and achieve his dream of impacting the lives of others. However, a drunk driver cut his life short on March 4, 2015, in a car crash two months before Pasha's high school graduation. This scholarship was established to make a difference in the lives of high school seniors pursuing higher education.



2024 Recipient

Timothy Cole Edens Grace Community School

John Reagan Harris Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Aung Lay Khaing.....Center High School Jalen Postell..... Center High School
Kate Galvan.....Center High School

Fredrick Michael Nachman Scholarship



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

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

2024 Recipient

Jack Bergfeld Tyler Legacy High School

Henry and Evelyn Jordan Scholarship

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

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



2024 Recipient

Brody Mitchell Palestine High School

East Texas Estate Planning Council Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Brandon Dunavant Winnsboro High School

Brook Hill Founder's Scholarship



Steve Dement created this scholarship to enable students attending the college preparatory school he founded, The Brook Hill School, to continue their education at Baylor University where he earned three degrees. Mr. Dement's faith guides all his ventures as he models for his students how to honor, serve, and rely upon God in all that they do.

2024 Recipient

Bridger Allen Brook Hill School

Helen Elbert Scholarship



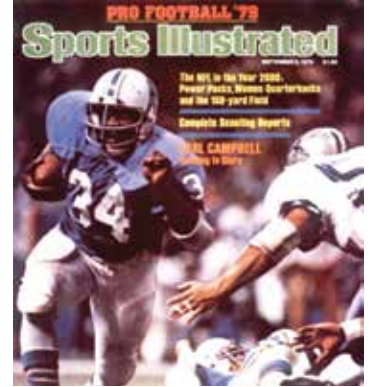
Helen Elbert's musical ability was evident as a child. Beginning at the age of 10, she was the regular pianist for her church. She went on to earn a degree in music with a concentration in piano and had a 52-year career as an outstanding piano teacher, church musician, and chamber music performer. This scholarship was established by the East Texas Music Teachers Association with gifts from Mrs. Elbert's friends and family. It will be awarded to an East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in music.

2024 Recipient

Lizett Garcia Kilgore High School

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship

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



2024 Recipient

Audrey Brody Whitehouse High School



Jean & Jim Gulley Texas Tech Scholarship



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

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

2024 Recipient

Olivia York..... Van High School

Sidney Moughon Scholarships

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



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

2024 Recipients

Logan Foster..... Winnsboro High School
 l'Tasia Rainge Jefferson High School
 Jayden Taylor..... Harmony High School
 Barbara Reyes Contreras Gilmer High School

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

2024 Recipients

Miguel Yanez..... Early College High School
 Brandon Dunavant..... Winnsboro High School
 Gavin Sipes White Oak High School
 Jackson Auer Tyler Legacy High School

Ben and Betty Bitz Scholarship



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

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

2024 Recipient

Judith Bonds..... LaPoyner High School

Barbara Bass Community College Scholarship



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

2024 Recipient

Jossimar Garcia.....Tyler Legacy High School

Robinson Family Memorial Scholarship

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



2024 Recipients

Holli SeidelLovelady High School

Benjamin Monk.....Lovelady High School

Wayne & Margie Morrison Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Rachel Petty.....Bullard High School Allee McCollumArp High School

Tatum Music Scholarship

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

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

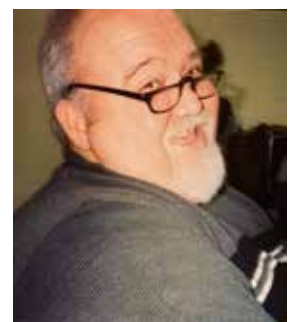


2024 Recipient

Cody Hageman.....Tyler Legacy High School

Hubert “Hub” McGlothin Scholarship

Hubert “Hub” McGlothin, 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



Not awarded in 2024

Donald Scott Cooper Nursing Foundation Scholarship

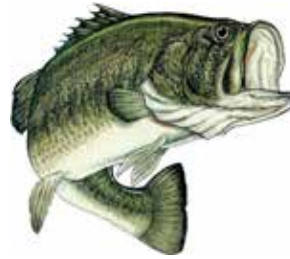
This scholarship was established by Donald Scott Cooper to encourage students from Gregg, Rusk, and Smith Counties who plan to major in nursing.

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

2024 Recipient

Lynaya Williams.....Henderson High School

Lake Fork Fishing Scholarship



Established at East Texas Communities Foundation in 2023, the Lake Fork Fishing Scholarship will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in East Texas that are proficient in angling skills and achievements.

2024 Recipients

Allee McCollum.....Arp High School

Brody Mitchell.....Palestine High School

Kye WedemeyerLindale High School

Partners in Arts Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Zach Combs..... Tyler Legacy High School Mackenzie Lee Tyler Legacy High School

Winifred K. George Scholarship



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

2024 Recipient

Audrey BrodyWhitehouse High School

Minton Family Scholarship

The Minton Family Scholarship is the legacy of a family who are devoted to the community and to the young people of Sabine County, Texas.

2024 Recipient

Kadence Cramer West Sabine High School

Tim King Memorial Scholarship

Tim King was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He began working for Brookshire Grocery Company at the age of 16 as a bag boy and stocker. At the time of his death, Tim was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was active in Texas Society of CPAs, Texas Retailers Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Salvation Army, Children’s Advocacy Center, and Tyler Economic Development Council. He was truly a servant leader, but mostly he was a loving husband, father, and son. Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Tim for Tyler Legacy High School, formerly Robert E. Lee High School, graduates studying at the University of Texas.



2024 Recipient

Jack BergfeldTyler Legacy High School

Reily Foundation Scholarship

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

Not awarded in 2024

Nickolas-Trusczkowska Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Kayli Denny..... Univ. of Texas at Tyler

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

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

2024 Recipient

Landry Binning.....Chapel Hill High School

Winnie Frank Woolverton Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Brody Mitchell.....Palestine High School

Buck Florence and Thomas C. Turner Scholarship

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

2024 Recipient

Isabella Mckinney..... Hughes Springs High School

Joey Johnson Memorial Scholarship

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



2024 Recipient

Madisyn Bedair..... Gladewater High School

Smith County Bar Foundation Scholarship



The Smith County Bar Foundation exists to further justice and the rule of law in Smith County, Texas, by educating and serving its citizens through programs designed to assist those affected by the justice system. Created in 2023, the Foundation created a scholarship to support students that are focusing on a career intended for the legal profession.

2024 Recipients

Aryana Gutierrez.....Early College High School

Victoria BradleyUniversity of Texas at Tyler

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, Texas. This scholarship is intended to aid persons who wish to receive vocational training and get into the workforce as quickly as possible.

Not awarded in 2024

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, Texas.

This scholarship is specifically for students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

2024 Recipient

Edwin CastilloPalestine High School

Sammy Joe Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship in Vocational/Technical Studies

The Sammy Joe Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship in Vocational/ Technical Studies was established in 2021 through the generosity of Mrs. Martha Jean Calhoun. This scholarship will be awarded to Clarksville High School graduating seniors pursuing full time study for vocational/technical certificates and/or associate degrees.

2024 Recipients

- Rajah'Nae Scales Clarksville High School
- Gil Lopez Clarksville High School
- Daira Lopez Clarksville High School
- Jamarian Williams Clarksville High School



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.

2024 Female Recipient

2024 Male Recipient

Aneesa CedilloEarly College High School

Joshua BarnsTyler Legacy High School

Sammy Joe Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship

The Sammy Joe Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 through the generosity of his wife, Mrs. Martha Jean Calhoun. Sammy Joe was a 1947 graduate of Clarksville High School and a Korean War Veteran. He retired from Frito Lay after 33 years of service and partnered with his wife in an advertising specialty company. He passed away after a long illness in 2007. This scholarship will be awarded to Clarksville High School graduating seniors from Clarksville, Texas, pursuing a bachelor's degree.

2024 Recipients

Johnathan OlguinClarksville High School Jorge Balvanera.....Clarksville High School
Adrian ValdezClarksville High School Christopher Nunez.....Clarksville High School

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.

2024 Recipients

Margaret Jenz Grace Community School Molly Bryans..... Tyler Legacy High School
Grace Reese Kilgore High School

Sammy Joe & Martha Jean Calhoun Family Scholarship for Ministerial Studies

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

2024 Recipients

Hattie Watson Dallas Baptist University
Powell Johnson IV Whitehouse High School



Acosta Family Charitable Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the Jesse Acosta Family, this scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating high school senior from Chapel Hill High School. Applicants are invited to apply and are nominated by Chapel Hill ISD teachers.

2024 Recipient

Jose MorenoChapel Hill High School

Walling Family Scholarship

The Walling Family Scholarship was established by the generosity of Robert C. and Mattie Walling. Established in 2023, this scholarship will award students studying nursing or pre-med from the Gregg or Rusk County area

2024 Recipients

Genesis VillanuevaHenderson High School Lynaya Williams.....Henderson High School

Dalton and Betty Jones Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Study

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

2024 Recipient

Steven HorneOverton High School

Dalton and Betty Jones Scholarship

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

2024 Recipients

Bridjette Guijosa Tatum High School
Avi PatelHenderson High School
Genesis VillanuevaHenderson High School
Kaitlynn TempleHenderson High School
Lynaya Williams.....Henderson High School
Karolyne Estrada..... Carlisle High School

Lt. 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

2024 Recipient

Joshua Kreh James I O'Neill High School



Tyler City Employees Credit Union Scholarship

Established at East Texas Communities Foundation in 2023, the Tyler City Employees Credit Union Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior or non-traditional students. This scholarship is for Tyler City Employee Credit Union members, dependents of a CU member or someone that meets the requirements to become a CU member

2024 Recipient

Chardaysha Butler Cumberland Academy

Owens Marmion Barkae Clinical Health Counseling Scholarship

The purpose is to provide educational scholarships for UT Tyler students preparing for careers in the field of mental health counseling with a preference for graduate students that are underrepresented in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program

Not awarded at the time of printing

Hispanic Professionals of Tyler (HPAT) Scholarship

Hispanic Professionals Association of Tyler is a group of community leaders working to create and implement initiatives that promote professional development, community involvement, and cultural awareness for Tyler and the surrounding areas. This professional group of experienced business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, and community activists wanted to create an avenue to support future generations of leaders through scholarships. The hope is that recipients of the HPAT scholarship will become leaders in their community by supporting them in their growth as a professional and welcome them into this network of diverse professionals

2024 Recipients

Roselyn Ortiz Early College High School

Adriano Trigos Winnsboro High School

Yamboree Empowerment Scholarship (YES) for Women

The Yamboree Empowerment Scholarship for Women was established in 2023 by the East Texas Yamboree Association and two Gilmer natives with strong ties to the Yamboree, Sally Greene and Laura Potter. YES for Women is a needs-based scholarship, with preference for first-generation college students. This \$5,000 award is designed to empower a young Upshur County woman graduating from a public high school with the financial base she needs to make college a reality.

2024 Recipient

Barbara Reyes Contreras Gilmer High School

TJC Sisterhood Legacy Scholarship

Sans Souci and Zeta Phi Omega were two of several sororities and Greek fraternities at Tyler Junior College during the 1960s through the mid-80s. Girls who pledged these sororities came from all walks of life throughout Texas. In addition, there were other girls who didn't pledge but became sisters just the same. The TJC Sisterhood Legacy Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving female senior from a Texas high school who plans to attend Tyler Junior College.

2024 Recipient

Adeliz Hinojosa Paris High School





Establishing a Scholarship

Scholarships are often established by individuals or organizations to support academic interests or to memorialize a loved one. Scholarship funds provide deserving students the opportunity to attend a certain school or pursue a field of study which was meaningful to a donor. Businesses and civic groups may set up scholarship funds to encourage students to pursue a related field of study, honor a founder or long-time employee, or to encourage the next generation of community leaders.

How does it work?

Create and Name the Fund

ETCF staff will walk you through the process of naming and creating the scholarship fund so that it meets your charitable goals. You may create your scholarship through a variety of contributions including cash, real estate, securities, business interests, mineral interests or retirement assets. The minimum for an endowed scholarship is \$10,000.

Tax Smart Giving

When you create your fund at ETCF, a public charity, you may be eligible for a tax deduction for contributions up to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) in appreciated assets or 60% AGI in gifts of cash.

Scholarship Season

ETCF staff work tirelessly from early fall through spring overseeing the scholarship program. Students apply through an online application portal which allows students to qualify for multiple awards from our many unique scholarship funds. ETCF staff work with donors, recruit volunteers and facilitate the evaluation committees to review the applicants. Recipients are awarded scholarships based upon criteria established by the donor at the time the fund was created.

Recognition

Once scholarships are awarded, ETCF staff notify the students and their school administrators. ETCF celebrates the accomplishments of these hard-working students by hosting a reception in mid-May where donors, ETCF board, staff, and family of the recipient are invited to take part in celebrating the student's success.

Administration

ETCF distributes the scholarship funds directly to the institution that the recipient plans to attend. ETCF staff also follow up with students if the scholarship is renewable. Quarterly investment updates are mailed to fund representatives to keep them aware of market activity and fund balances.



 Simplified Charitable Giving



Who We Are:

East Texas Communities Foundation was founded in 1989 by visionary leaders who saw the need for a community foundation to support philanthropy in East Texas. Our 30 year success is a testament to the flexibility of our donor services, strong leadership and sound financial management. We welcome the opportunity to help generous East Texans be good stewards and wise givers.

What We Do:

ETCF works with individuals, families, businesses, financial advisors and nonprofit organizations to create charitable funds which support a wide variety of community causes and individual philanthropic interests.

We offer 5 Fund Types:

- **Donor-Advised Funds** allow donors to recommend grants to IRS-approved public charities.
- **Nonprofit Funds** allow an organization and their supporters to set up a permanent endowment which is invested to provide support for a single charity in perpetuity.
- **Scholarship Funds** can be tailored to benefit students with specific interests or academic or extracurricular achievements.
- **Designated Funds** can benefit a single charity or several named charities, a field-of-interest or specific project. Advisors can recommend grants at anytime from income and principal.

Our MISSION

Philanthropy builds community and changes lives.
East Texas Communities Foundation supports philanthropy by offering simple ways for donors to achieve their charitable goals.

ETCF serves 32 counties in East Texas.



- **Unrestricted Charitable Funds** offer the broadest options for charitable giving in a community. ETCF makes grants to local nonprofits which meet the communities' most pressing needs.

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