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Academic School Year

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 the email address of one teacher willing to submit a reference letter on your behalf as part of the application process.
 - ▶ references must be from a teacher that has direct classroom experience with you.
 - ▶ references written by family members/ relatives will not be accepted (even if they are a teacher).
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov. **FAFSA is available to complete beginning December 1st**. We recommend applying as early as possible.

January 1, 2025

Scholarship applications open to students online at **www.ETCF.org on January 1st**. A student may apply for every scholarship that they meet the eligibility requirements for. Applicants will complete a universal “common” application but will still need to submit each unique scholarship application. Some applications may have additional requirements.

How To Apply

1. Begin at East Texas Communities Foundation's website, **www.ETCF.org**.
2. Click **scholarships** and select the **available scholarships** tab to get started. Select “Let's get started.”
3. Create an account using a non-issued school email address.
4. Complete & submit the “Scholarship Opportunity Eligibility Questions.” Based on your answers, this will generate a list of eligible scholarship opportunities. These opportunities will appear on your dashboard.
5. Complete the “Universal Application” (UA) which will populate to all eligible applications.
Complete instructions can be found online.
6. Once the UA is complete, you will need to click on each opportunity to make sure there are no supplemental questions that you need to answer.
7. YOU MUST SUBMIT EACH OPPORTUNITY INDIVIDUALLY FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED.

March 1, 2025

Applications and required supporting documents, including one reference, must be submitted online at **www.ETCF.org** by **March 1st at 5:00 p.m.**

ETCF 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.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from Chapel Hill High School in Smith County, Texas.

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 & been involved in any school activity (sports, clubs, student organizations, etc.) and/or community activity (service, church, etc.) or be able to explain why they did not participate in either (i.e. work or family demands).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria.

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.

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 GPA of at least 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

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

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

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.

*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

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.

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

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).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

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

Length of Support

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.

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 within the city limits of Tyler, Texas, 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).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to attend a community college as a full time undergraduate student in pursuit of a college degree.

Other Requirements

Preference for applicants to be first generation college students, meaning neither of your parents attended college. Students starting their education at a community college who are planning to transfer to a 4-year college are also eligible.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

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:

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

Scholarship Amount

\$1,250 has been awarded but may vary depending on funds available when the 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 LaPoynor 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).

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 a primary consideration.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Preference will be given to applicants planning to enter health care or education fields.

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).

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

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 be 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).

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

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

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.

Byers Family Foundation Scholarship

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

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from Rusk High School in Cherokee County, Texas.

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

Other Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate excellent moral character and leadership. A preference will be given to applicants who desire to live and work in East Texas upon graduation.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be considered but not above other criteria. Student must submit SAR (Student Aid Report) of their FASFA to be considered.

Length of Support

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

- Remains a full-time student (at least 12 hours) and
- Maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in his/her undergraduate or graduate program.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 to be 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).

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. This scholarship must be used in the school year it is awarded. It cannot be deferred.

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

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.

This scholarship has a unique, individual application link on ETCF.org and is not part of the Universal application.

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).

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

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).

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

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).

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

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).

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).

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.

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

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

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 ETCF's East Texas counties.*

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

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.

This scholarship has a unique, individual application link on ETCF.org and is not part of the Universal application.

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.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate a motivation to pursue a career in the energy industry by written essay. **Students whose final career path leads to research or university professorship are not encouraged to apply.**

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

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.

Eiche Family Scholarship

The Eiche Family Scholarship will support graduating seniors from schools located in Smith County, Texas. A renewable scholarship, the recipient may attend any college or university in the 32 East Texas counties included in the Foundation's service area.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from any public, private or homeschool located in Smith County, Texas.

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(s) must be admitted to attend any college, university or technical school, accredited by an organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor. School

must be located in one of the 32 East Texas counties included in the Foundation's service area. Recipient must plan to attend school as a full-time student.

College Major / Classification

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

The scholarship may be renewable for up to three years, for a total of four years, or through the completion of his or her degree program, based on the availability of funds, if the recipient meets the following criteria.

- 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

\$750 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, and it's visionary founder, the late Vernon Faulconer, 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 – 3.5 (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 will be 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 2.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale each semester.
- Remains a full time student (at least 12 hours).

Scholarship Amount

\$5,000 each will be awarded to one male and one female minority 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

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

\$4,000 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

\$750 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, LaRue, 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

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

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

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

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.

Hispanic Professionals Association of Tyler 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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior or current college student that attended any public or private high school or homeschool from Smith County or the surrounding area including Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Henderson, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains or Anderson 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 2 or 4 year college or university in the United States.

Other Requirements

Applicants must be a first generation college student, meaning neither of their parents completed college and received a degree.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Two, \$1,000 scholarships will be 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

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

Financial 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 ETCF counties.*

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum 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 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 Counties* or Quanah, TX. The recipient must plan to attend Texas Tech University as a full time undergraduate student.

High School / Residency

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

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration for applicants.

Length of Support

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

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

Scholarship Amount

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

Jacqueline 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 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 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 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

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

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 Reagan Harris Scholarship

The John Reagan 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

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

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 female, graduating senior from a high school which participates in the Aspire Mentoring Program, hosted by Partners in Prevention in Longview, Texas, formerly known as Forever Friends. High schools included are: Hallsville High School, Longview 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

Preference will be given to girls currently participating in the Longview area Aspire Mentoring Program, a mentoring program for young women administered by the City of Longview office of Partners In Prevention.

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

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

Length of Support

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

- Maintains a 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Remains a full-time student

Scholarship Amount

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

Kay Howry and Freda Harder Encouragement Scholarship

Established in 2024, the Kay Howry and Freda Harder Encouragement Scholarship honors the legacy of these educators and the positive impact they made on their students. Kay and Freda had the ability to motivate, inspire, encourage and help students see their personal strength and potential. This scholarship will be available for graduating seniors from Tyler High School, Early College High School, and RISE in Tyler, Texas, and LaPoyner High School in LaRue, Texas.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from Tyler ISD's Tyler High School, Early College High School or R.I.S.E. Academy in Tyler, TX or LaPoyner High School in LaRue, TX.

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, university or technical school in East Texas (Angelina College, Texas A&M – Texarkana, LeTourneau University, East Texas Baptist University, Kilgore College, Northeast Texas Community College, Panola College, Paris Junior College, Stephen F Austin State University, University of Texas (Tyler, Palestine, or Longview), Jarvis Christian College, Texas College, Texas State Technical College (Marshall campus), Trinity Valley Community College, Tyler Junior College, or Wiley College).

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial Need will be a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable through the completion of the academic program.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 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 until his untimely passing.

Kenny 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 associates 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

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.

Lady Denise Sanders Robertson Scholarship

The Lady Denise Sanders Robertson Scholarship was established by New Life Community Church in 2024 to honor the legacy of Lady Denise for inspiring youth. This scholarship supports African American students graduating from high school or non-traditional students from Smith County as well as non-traditional students attending a college or university in Smith County. Applicants must plan to major in Theology, Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Social Sciences or Physical Sciences.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be one of the following: 1) a graduating senior from any public, private or home school located in Smith County, Texas; 2) a non-traditional student residing in Smith County, Texas at the time of application; or 3) a non-traditional student residing outside of Smith County at the time of application, who plans to attend a college or university located in Smith County, Texas.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be African-American.

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 if a graduating high school senior or non-traditional student from Smith County. Must plan to attend a Smith County college or university if a non-traditional student from outside of Smith County.

College Major

Recipient must plan to major in Theology, Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences or Health Sciences.

Financial Need

Financial need will be a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only. Recipients will be able to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

Two recipients will receive \$1,000 each but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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.

High School / Residency

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have participated on a fishing team for the academic year in which they apply and graduate from high school. College fishing team participation is NOT a requirement.

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-year or 4-year college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Three recipients will receive \$500 each 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

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.

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. The Fund was established in 2023 to benefit students graduating from Hemphill, West Sabine and Brookeland High Schools attend college.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public high school located in Sabine County, Texas. Eligible public schools include Hemphill High School, West Sabine High School and Brookeland High School.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need will be a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for 1 year initially.

Scholarship Amount

Varies depending on funds available and number of scholarships awarded.

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

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

This scholarship has a unique, individual application link on ETCF.org and is not part of the Universal application.

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.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate a motivation to pursue a career in the energy industry by written essay. **Students whose final career path leads to research or university professorship are not encouraged to apply.**

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 - Trusczkowska 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.

This scholarship has a unique, individual application link on ETCF.org and is not part of the Universal application.

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 non-profit 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

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

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.

Owens Marmion Barke Clinical Mental 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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be admitted to the clinical mental health program at UT Tyler.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Racial minorities, males and differently-abled individuals are currently under-represented as practitioners in the field of mental health, so preference for this scholarship will be given to applicants who are male or members of an underrepresented group.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be enrolled at UT Tyler.

College Major

Recipient is required to be recently admitted to or currently enrolled and in good standing in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at UT Tyler.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship is awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Scholarship awarded will 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.

Pasha Zapolsky Memorial Scholarship

Pasha Zapolsky was an international boarding student from Ukraine at The Brook Hill School. Everyone who met him easily connected with him and became his friend. He was known for being extremely intelligent, wise beyond his years, caring to all, humorous, and successful. Pasha achieved many academic and athletic honors, provided strong leadership on the varsity soccer team, and served as an active volunteer with the Flint Baptist Church Youth Ministry. 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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from any public or private high school or homeschool in East Texas with a preference for Smith County schools.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a 3.67 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

Other Eligibility Requirements

Recipient must show accomplishment in competitive soccer during high school. Applicants should also demonstrate devotion to their Christian faith in various aspects of their application such as character reference, activities and written essay.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must be admitted to any accredited college or university in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is considered secondary in the selection process.

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.

Patsy Key Ponder Scholarship

The Patsy Key Ponder Scholarship was established by the generosity of her family in 2023 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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be female graduating seniors of Jefferson ISD located in Jefferson, 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

Recipients must plan on completing a certification program, associates degree or bachelor's degree at any 2 or 4-year accredited college or university in the United States as a full-time student.

College Major

Applicant may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

Peace Officers and Firefighters Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Board of Directors of East Texas Communities Foundation to honor the public service of dedicated peace officers and firefighters. This scholarship will be awarded to dependents of individuals currently employed as a Peace Officer or professional Firefighter.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited 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).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipients may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Amount awarded 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 to benefit a deserving high school graduate from Smith County and surrounding counties (Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Henderson, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains and Anderson) to pursue a certification in Basic Fire Suppression Academy, Fire Protection Technology or Paramedics at Tyler Junior College.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a current graduating senior or former graduate of any school in Smith County, and surrounding counties Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Henderson, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains and Anderson.

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 and Major

Recipient must plan to attend or be a current student at Tyler Junior College in one of the following programs: Basic Fire Suppression Academy, Fire Protection Technology Associates Degree, Basic Firefighter Certification, Fire Service Leadership Certificate or Paramedics Certificate.

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.

Raymond E. Jackson & Mira R. Rogers Scholarship

This scholarship was established to provide educational opportunities for African-American students with financial need from Liberty High School who are residents of the either Ames or Liberty, Texas, in Liberty County, Texas.

High School / Residency

Must be a Liberty High School graduating senior from Ames or Liberty, Texas, in Liberty County, Texas.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be African-American.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her high school.

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

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

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

Scholarship Amount

\$500 will be 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 graduate or undergraduate student at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (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 or graduate degree with a major in business The University of Texas at Tyler
- Is a full-time student
- Maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in her undergraduate or graduate program.

Scholarship Amount

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

Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Scholarship

Established by the Retail Merchants Association of Tyler, 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, Jack-sonville, 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 associates or bachelor's business degree plan.

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in business.

Financial Need

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

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

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

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 for two high school seniors pursuing careers in health-care. As their practice is all about their patients, they help them achieve their smile goals so that they can go on to pursue their dreams with self-confidence. Reuland and Barnhart Orthodontics is honored to be able to partner with East Texas seniors as they pursue their educational goals.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from any public or private high school or homeschool from Smith County or the surrounding area including Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Henderson, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains, or Anderson 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 may attend any accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the state of Texas with a preference to East Texas colleges.

College Major

Recipient must plan on pursuing a major in a healthcare related field including but not limited to biology, biochemistry, biomedical science, biomedical engineering, public health, health sciences, pre-med, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, sonography, surgical technology, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, respiratory care, dental assistant, dental hygiene (associates or bachelors), pre-dental, medical laboratory technology, ophthalmic medical assisting, or vision care technology.

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.

Other Eligibility Questions

1. Have you or a family member received services from Reuland and Barnhart Orthodontics?
2. Why are you pursuing a career in healthcare?

Scholarship Amount

Two, \$1,000 scholarships will be 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

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

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, or a graduating senior from Madisonville High School, Madisonville, Texas, with a preference given to graduating seniors that attend Madisonville High School and are a resident of Bedias, 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, associates 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

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 Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship

The Sammy Joe Calhoun Clarksville High School Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 through the generosity of his wife, Martha Jean Calhoun. It was her desire to make a lasting contribution to deserving students at Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Texas.

Sammy Joe Calhoun 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. Sammy Joe passed away after a long illness in 2007.

This scholarship will be awarded to Clarksville High School graduating seniors pursuing a bachelor's degree.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduate of Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (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

Financial need is a primary consideration.

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.
- The recipient is a full-time student.
- The recipient maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).

Scholarship Amount

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 graduate of or a graduating senior attending a public, private, or home school in an ETCF 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

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

May vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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 East Texas Communities Foundation.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduate of or a graduating senior attending a public, private, or home school or a non-traditional returning student from an ETCF county*. Preference will be given to individuals that are a member in good standing of the Smith Baptist Association.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average 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 State of Texas.

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in a field related to ministerial studies that would prepare them for a career in the ministry (including, but not limited to, areas such as pastoral ministry, youth ministry, Christian ministry, religious studies, missionary studies, etc.).

Financial Need

Financial need will be a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, or until the degree program is completed (whichever is first), 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 ministerial studies.
- 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

May vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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 his wife, Martha Jean Calhoun. It was her desire to make a lasting contribution to deserving students at Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Texas.

Sammy Joe Calhoun 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. Sammy Joe passed away after a long illness in 2007.

This scholarship will be awarded to Clarksville High School graduating seniors pursuing full time study for vocational/technical certificates and/or associate degrees.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Texas.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited 2-year college or nonprofit vocational/technical school in the United States.

College Major

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

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be renewable for the length of the program, if the recipient meets the following criteria:

- The recipient continues to pursue a vocational/ technical degree.
- The recipient is a full-time student.
- The recipient must maintains the minimum GPA required by their course of study

Scholarship Amount

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 or 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

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.

This scholarship has a unique, individual application link on ETCF.org and is not part of the Universal application.

High School / Residency

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

Academic Record

There are no minimum GPA requirement 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. **Students attending Texas A&M in College Station are not eligible to apply.**

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. **Students attending Texas A&M in College Station are not eligible to apply.**

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

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

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) at Texas A&M University

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.

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.

High School / Residency

Recipient must be a graduating high school senior, college student, or non-traditional returning student from a high school located in Smith County, Texas or be a student planning to attend a college or university in Smith County, Texas.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university.

Extracurricular Activities

There will be a preference for students that participated in organizations such as student government, civil air patrol, mock trials, student law enforcement programs, etc.

College Major

Recipient must plan on majoring in a field related to an intended occupation focusing on the law (including, but not limited to, areas such as pre-law, criminal justice, paralegal, law enforcement officer, court reporter, probation officer, social worker, mediator, attorney, etc.).

Financial Need

Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for 1 year only. Applicants and recipients are encouraged to reapply each year.

Scholarship Amount

Two recipients will receive \$500 each but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

St. Paul Presbyterian Legacy Scholarship

The St. Paul Presbyterian Legacy Scholarship was established in 2024 by the Grace Presbytery of Northeast Texas after the sale of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, which was located in Carthage, Texas. This scholarship supports students living in the Grace Presbytery. A preference will be given to students that have been influenced by former members of the ministry of St. Paul Presbyterian Church as well as students that have been influenced by the ministries of Grace Presbytery.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior or graduate from a high school located within the bounds of Grace Presbytery. Grace Presbytery currently includes the following 53 counties in Northeast Texas: Anderson, Bell, Bosque, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Grayson, Gregg, Hamilton, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Limestone, Marion, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Morris, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Rusk, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Tarrant, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wise and Wood.

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 plan to major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This 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.

Tabbotha McGee Memorial Scholarship

The Tabbotha McGee Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 by her family to honor her commitment as a healthcare professional. Tabbotha was a 1988 graduate of John Tyler High School. She attended Tyler Junior College where she pursued and received licensure as an LVN. She went on to complete her RN and Master's degree passing the required competencies to become a nurse. This scholarship supports students attending Tyler ISD schools who plan to attend Tyler Junior College and pursue an LVN. A preference will be given to student athletes, students participating in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and students from Tyler High School.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from a Tyler ISD School, Smith County, Texas: Tyler Legacy High School, Tyler High School, or Early College High School.

Academic Record

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

College or University to be Attended

Recipient must plan to attend Tyler Junior College.

College Major

Recipient must plan to pursue a degree in nursing.

Preference

Preference will be given to African-American students, student athletes, students participating in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and students from Tyler High School.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year.

Scholarship Amount

\$1,000 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

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

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 except Pine Tree & White Oak, 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 – Alba Golden, All Saints Episcopal, Alto, Atlanta, Beckville, Canton, Carthage, Central Heights, Crockett, 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, Mt. Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Boston, Palestine, Paul Pewitt, Pittsburg, Queen City, Rains, Rusk, Saint Mary's, San Augustine, Van and Winnsboro. 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 any program offered by the Mentoring Alliance.

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 programs offered by the Mentoring Alliance.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary 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.

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 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. 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

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.

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. Something magical happened as these young women formed friendships because their bonds have lasted decades and they still come together from time to time to celebrate their life-long friendships.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating female senior from any public or private or home school located in 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 plan to obtain an Associates degree or Bachelor's degree at Tyler Junior College, in Tyler, Texas, enrolled as a full-time student.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a secondary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only.

Scholarship Amount

Amount awarded may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

Tyler City Employee 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 student to school. 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.

High School / Residency

Applicant may be a graduating high school senior or a non-traditional student returning to school from public, private or homeschool. Must be a Credit Union (CU) member and/or a dependent of a CU member or meet the requirements to become a CU member.

Academic Record

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

Other Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must show good moral character.

College or University to be Attended

Recipient may attend any accredited college, university or nonprofit technical school in the United States.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for one year only but applicants are encouraged to reapply.

Scholarship Amount

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.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school in Gregg or Rusk County in East Texas. School districts currently eligible include Sabine ISD, Gladewater ISD, White Oak ISD, Spring Hill ISD, Pine Tree ISD, Longview ISD, Kilgore ISD, Leverette Chapel ISD, Overton ISD, West Rusk ISD, Laneville ISD, Mount Enterprise ISD, Henderson ISD, Carlile ISD, Cushing ISD, Beckville ISD, and Tatum ISD.

Academic Record

Applicants must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

College or University to be Attended

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

College Major

Recipients must plan to pursue a four-year degree in a medically related field such as nursing or pre-medicine.

Financial Need

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 an undergraduate degree with a major in nursing or pre-medicine;
- Maintains a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in his/her undergraduate or graduate program; and
- Remains a full-time student in his/her studies.

Scholarship Amount

Award amounts may vary depending on educational objectives, 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 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

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

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

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.

College Major

Recipient may major in any subject.

Financial Need

Financial need is a primary consideration.

Length of Support

This scholarship will be awarded for 1 year initially.

Scholarship Amount

\$5,000 will be awarded initially but may vary depending on funds available and number of scholarships issued.

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.

High School / Residency

Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public high school located in Upshur County, Texas. Eligible students must be graduating from high schools in the following school districts: Gilmer ISD, New Diana ISD, Ore City ISD, Union Hill ISD, Harmony ISD, Big Sandy ISD or Union Grove ISD. Students attending Glade-water ISD or Pittsburg ISD may also be eligible, provided they live in Upshur County.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Preference maybe given to students who are among the first generation in their immediate family to attend college. Applicant should be a female student.

Academic Record

Recipients must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Preference may be given to students whose GPA is not higher than a 3.5.

College or University to be Attended

Recipients must attend a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university.



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