

Needville High School Senior Newsletter/Scholarship Bulletin

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Scholarships, Scholarships, and more Scholarships

We are receiving more and more scholarships in the counselor's office. Make sure you keep an eye on deadlines. They have a way of sneaking up on you before you know it. Make sure you request transcripts in advance so you are prepared to send in your applications.

When you are filling out applications, please make sure that they are neat. Always use black or blue ink. If possible, please type the application. Do not complete an application in any other color ink or in pencil. Avoid scratching out. Use liquid paper only if necessary. This is the only thing the scholarship committee must judge you on. Make sure it looks acceptable or they may disregard your application.

Please let me know when you receive any scholarships. I keep track of this information to announce on the Scholarship Night scheduled for May.

Also, if you receive a scholarship, **make sure that you send the organization/group a Thank You note.** It is very embarrassing when I receive calls stating that they never received a thank you from our students. Take care of this right away so you don't forget.

If you receive a scholarship and are invited to attend a reception to honor you, please make sure that you represent yourself, your family, and your school properly. Dress appropriately, act responsibly, and be appreciative. Many scholarship organizations are run by people who work very hard to raise the money to award the scholarships. They are helping you to pay for part of your college education. Please be considerate.

Keep up the hard work.

Helpful hints for writing the Scholarship Essay

The most important paper you will ever write is the scholarship essay. It's the part of the application where the "real you" can shine through. Dr. Kay Peterson suggests the following areas should be covered in the essay:

- Be original. This essay should reflect what is unique about you. Remember that the readers of these scholarships see hundreds, so make yours stand out from the rest.
- Be personal and specific. Include details that make you come alive on paper: the who, what, when, and where. The simplest experience can be the greatest if you present honestly how you were affected.
- Be proud of your achievements. Don't feel shy about "talking about your achievements." You have worked hard to become the person you are. Be truthful and tell the scholarship provider about your accomplishments.

- Know your audience. Write a new essay for each application – one that fits the interests and requirements of that scholarship. Show how you can best represent them.
- Submit a neat and readable essay. Make sure your essay is neatly typed, double-spaced, and provides adequate margins on all sides.
- Make sure your essay is well written. Proofread carefully, check spelling, grammar, and have a friend or teacher read it. Another set of eyes can catch the errors you miss!

College Admissions Tests

Remember your deadlines when registering for the SAT and ACT. Don't put off taking or retaking these tests. Remember, the new SAT and ACT both have a writing section. The ACT writing test is optional, but most 4 year colleges require a writing sample. You should take the writing part of the ACT.

SAT

Test Date

Regular Registration Deadline

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

Register at www.sat.org/register

ACT

Test Date

Regular Registration Deadline

April 13, 2024

March 8, 2024

June 8, 2024

May 3, 2024

July 13, 2024

June 7, 2024

Register at www.actstudent.org/start

Invitations and Announcements

Frost National Bank – The Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation is a zero-interest educational loan program available through Frost National Bank in Galveston, TX. Qualified applicants must: be US Citizens and Texas Residents, graduate from a Texas high school, enroll full-time at a Texas college or university, working toward a degree. Graduating high school seniors entering as college freshmen are reviewed by high school class rank in relation to SAT/ACT scores. Eligible students must be either in the top 10% of their high school graduating class OR have a minimum 1100 SAT or 23 ACT score. There are approximately 800 loans available per year with a maximum loan of \$8,000 per year. The application deadline is February 28th. For more information, please contact 409-770-5665. More information is available at www.everychanceeverytexan.org. You can contact the office after November 1st to obtain an application.

Free College for Children of Texas Veterans

If your parent was living in Texas when they joined the military, you may be eligible to get a free college education at a Texas public university. A recent change to the Hazlewood Act provides the option for veterans to pass their Hazlewood benefits to their children. To see if you are eligible, go to www.tvc.state.tx.us/Hazlewood.html.

American Legion Scholarships

Money for college is available through the American Legion. More information is available at www.legion.org/needalift.

StudentScholarships.org – Many scholarships are available at www.StudentScholarships.org. Be sure to check it out.

FAFSA – We are still waiting to hear when FAFSA will open. Make sure you have created your ID and one parent has created their ID. Keep checking the www.studentaid.gov website for updates on FAFSA opening.

Invitations

- **Texas State University** – BobCat Days will be held on campus February 17th and April 20th. Make plans to attend if you are interested in attending Texas State.
- **Stephen F. Austin State University** – Showcase Saturday will be held on February 17th, March 23rd, and June 22nd. Check out the campus website for more information.
- **Houston Christian University** – HCU Husky Preview will be held on February 17th. More information is available on the school website.
- **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** – Island Day will be held February 3rd and April 20th. Check out what A&M Corpus has to offer to you.
- **University of Texas at San Antonio** – UTSA Day will be held on February 17th and April 6th. Check out the website for more details and information.
- **Texas A&M University** – Aggieland Saturday will be held on February 10th. Registration begins in November.
- **Baylor University** – Baylor campus visits are being held in-person. Check out the website for more information.
- **University of Texas at Austin** – Information is listed on their website concerning campus visits.

Now that you are 18...

Just a reminder to our male seniors that the law states you must register with selective service when you turn 18. Register at www.sss.gov.

Fort Bend County Fair

The Fort Bend County Fair will award \$5,000 scholarships to graduating seniors based on Fair involvement, school activities, community involvement, and academic achievement. Requirements include: high school senior enrolled in a Fort Bend County school, must plan to attend a Texas college/university, technical school, or US Military Academy, be a US citizen with and address zoned to Fort Bend County, have participated in the Fort Bend county Fair Livestock, School Art Auction, Rodeo, FCCLA, Ag Mechanics, Horticulture Competition, Queen or have been a Volunteer of the Fort Bend County Fair, and must not have been disqualified from and FBCFA competition during grades 9-12. Applications are available at www.fortbendcountyfair.com. **Deadline to apply is January 18th.**

\$\$ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Exhibitor Scholarship

The Exhibitor Scholarship is a four-year, \$20,000 award. The applicant must exhibit in one of the 17 eligible shows for HLSR in 2024. Applicants must be graduating seniors ranked in the top half of their graduating class and be a US Citizen and a Texas resident. The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either a college or university in Texas. Applicants must score at least a 950 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT. Applicants must have applied for admission at time scholarship application is submitted. Applications are available at www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships. A recipient of a Rodeo Scholarship may not receive \$110,000 or more in the amount total of other scholarships/financial aid and still be eligible for the Rodeo Award. ***Once you apply, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to obtain the Scholastic Record Form and the Application Checklist and Certification form.*** **Online Applications must be submitted by January 31st at 7:59 PM. Required documentation from school official must be postmarked by February 15th. You must also include a copy of your confirmation email from FAFSA with your estimated SAI. Do not wait until the last minute or you will not be able to have the supporting documentation postmarked by the deadline date.**

\$\$ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Hildebrand Scholarship

The Hildebrand Scholarship is a four-year, \$20,000 award. The applicant must exhibit in the junior market lamb show at HLSR. To apply, students must rank in the top quarter of their graduating class and be a US Citizen and a Texas resident. The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either a college or university in Texas. Applicants must score at least a 950 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT. Applicants must have applied for admission at time scholarship application is submitted. Applications are available at www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships. A recipient of a Rodeo Scholarship may not receive \$110,000 or more in the amount total of other scholarships/financial aid and still be eligible for the Rodeo Award. ***Once you apply, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to obtain the Scholastic Record Form and the Application Checklist and Certification form.*** **Online Applications must be submitted by January 31st at 7:59 PM. Required documentation from school official must be postmarked by February 15th. You must also include a copy of your confirmation email from FAFSA with your estimated SAI. Do not wait until the last minute or you will not be able to have the supporting documentation postmarked by the deadline date.**

\$\$ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Houston Metropolitan Scholarship

The Metropolitan Scholarship is a four-year, \$20,000 award. Applicants must be graduating seniors ranked in the top half of their graduating class and be a US Citizen and a Texas resident. The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either a college or university in Texas. Applicants must score at least a 950 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT. Applicants must have applied for admission at time scholarship application is submitted. Applications are available at www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships. A recipient of a Rodeo Scholarship may not receive \$110,000 or more in the amount total of other scholarships/financial aid and still be eligible for the Rodeo Award. ***Once you apply, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to obtain the Scholastic Record Form and the Application Checklist and Certification form.*** Online Applications must be submitted by January 31st at 7:59 PM. Required documentation from school official must be received by February 15th. You must also include a copy of your confirmation email from FAFSA with your estimated SAI. Do not wait until the last minute or you will not be able to have the supporting documentation postmarked by the deadline date.

\$\$ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Military Scholarship

Five HLSR Military Scholarships will be presented as a four-year, \$20,000 award to students who are dependents of a service member in active duty, reserve, honorably discharged veteran or the National Guard. Applicants must select “military Dependent” in the yes/no question on the application. To apply, students must rank in the top quarter of their graduating class. The applicant must enroll or plan to enroll in either a college or university in Texas. Applicants must have applied for admission at time scholarship application is submitted. Applications are available at www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships. A recipient of a Rodeo Scholarship may not receive \$110,000 or more in the amount total of other scholarships/financial aid and still be eligible for the Rodeo Award. ***Once you apply, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to obtain the Scholastic Record Form and the Application Checklist and Certification form.*** Online Applications must be submitted by January 31st. Required documentation from school official must be received by February 15th. You must also include a copy of your confirmation email from FAFSA with your estimated SAI. Do not wait until the last minute or you will not be able to have the supporting documentation postmarked by the deadline date.

Baylor University Carr P. Collins Scholars Program

This program was established to recognize and reward students who have demonstrated leadership and volunteer service abilities. To be considered for this program, applicants must: meet University requirements for admission, be in the top quarter of their graduating class, have a minimum score of 1310 (combined Math and Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing) on the SAT or 28 on the ACT, have a balanced college preparatory curriculum, and be a Texas resident. Applications are available at www.baylor.edu/admissions/CarrPCollins. **Completed applications must be postmarked by January 31st.**

Fort Bend Junior Service League Scholarship Program

The scholarship is awarded to support a female student who has outstanding volunteer service performance. Applicants must be female, have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and must have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during high school. Applications are available at www.fbjsl.org. **Deadline to apply is February 1st.**

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation

This foundation offers scholarships to students pursuing a degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related program. Applicants must be graduating seniors accepted to a program in Texas or Oklahoma. Applicants are selected based on their interest in the industry, leadership, academic achievement and financial need. Applications are available at www.cattleraisersmuseum.org/scholarships-awarded. **Application deadline is February 2nd.**

Ronald McDonald House HACER Scholarship

This scholarship is for senior students who are eligible to attend a two or four year college and are legal U.S. Residents, Citizens, or a Dreamer/DACA recipient. Additional requirements include:

.RMHC/HACER – Applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage and must carry a minimum 2.8 GPA. More information is available at <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>. **Application deadline is February 5th.**

\$\$ TDECU Student Member Scholarship Program

To qualify for this scholarship, students must be graduating high school seniors, a TDECU member in good standing, and plan to enroll in a two- or four-year college or vocational school. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic performance, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, and work experience. Applications are available at <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/tdecu/>. **Deadline to apply is February 7th.**

\$\$ The George Foundation

This scholarship targets high school seniors who plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at a two-or-four year public college or university in Texas. Eligibility requirements include: graduating high school senior who is a resident of Fort Bend County and is a US Citizen, US permanent resident or granted deferred action status, and has a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications are available at

www.thegeorgefoundation.org/scholarships/higher-education-scholarships/

Deadline to apply is February 15th.

George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation

Seventy \$20,000 scholarships based on financial need and academic achievement will be awarded. Applications and instructions may be obtained from the website www.hammanfoundation.org by clicking on the scholarship guidelines. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic achievement. **The Application must be received by February 16th.**

SPE-GCS Scholarships

To apply for the Gulf Coast section, students must be graduating seniors, plan to study science or engineering and have an interest in the energy industry, and be a US citizen. Applications are available at: www.spegcs.org/scholarship/. **Applications open December 1st and the deadline to apply is February 18th.**

\$\$ Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society Memorial Foundation

TAAIS will award a \$3,000 scholarship to a Texas high school graduate that suffers from Asthma and plans to go to college after graduation. Applications are available at www.taais.org/scholarship/. Applications must be submitted by March 1st.

\$\$ Texas Farm Bureau

Several scholarship opportunities are provided by Texas Farm Bureau. High school students whose family is a member of Texas Farm Bureau may apply for: TFB District Scholarship, TFB Young Farmer & Rancher High School Scholarship, and TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship. Applications can be accessed through a new portal called MyTFB. Scholarship information can be found the website under the Youth Opportunities page. More information can be found at www.texasfarmbureau.org. **All applications must be submitted by March 1st.**

Society of Women Engineers – Houston Area

This scholarship is for female students at a Houston area school who plan to major in an engineering or engineering-related discipline at a four-year university. Applications are available at: www.houstonswe.org/scholarships.html. **Deadline to apply is March 1st.**

\$\$ Fort Bend Friends and Neighbors Scholarship

This scholarship is for students who are graduates of Fort Bend County Schools to be used for tuition and fees at a Fort Bend County campus of Houston Community College, Wharton County Junior College, or Texas State Technical Institute. This means you need to attend the WCJC Campus in Richmond or Sugar Land. This scholarship is based on need, academics, activities, recommendations, and the student's personal letter. Applications are available at: www.fbfoundation.org/scholarshipapplication. **Applications should be received by noon on March 13th.**

Texas Association of Community Schools

The Texas Association of Community Schools will award the following scholarships for the 23-24 school year. You may apply for all scholarships if you meet the criteria: Bargas and Associates, A+ Food Service, Live Oak Public Finance, MWM Architects, Pearson Legal, Proximity Learning, Walsh Gallegos Trevion Russo & Kyle, Texas Association of Community Schools. Applications are available at: www.tacsnet.org. **Applications must be submitted by March 16th.**

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Power of Life

The Blood Center awards eleven local area high school students a scholarship. The program focuses on the excellence of high school students and the importance of

volunteering. For requirements, the application procedure, on-line application, and scholarship award criteria, go to www.giveblood.org/scholarship. **Application deadline is March 17th.**

Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must: be a current member of BVSCU in good standing or join by March 22, 2024, be a high school senior, have a 3.0 or better GPA, and be a US citizen or permanent legal resident. Applications are available in the counselor's office. Applications are also available at www.bvscu.org. **Applications must be submitted by March 22nd.**

MLK Scholarship Rodeo Fund

Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university or junior college/technical school, and must be active members of their church. Applications are available in the counselor's office. **Application deadline is March 31st.**

SAE Engineering Scholarships

Seniors who will enter an engineering or related science major (math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, or computer science), have a minimum 3.75 unweighted GPA, and are U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Applications are available at www.sae.org/participate/scholarships. Scholarships become available February 1st. **The deadline for applying is March 31st.**

\$\$ Denny's Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship is available in the Counselor's office. The application must include two letters of recommendation and a short essay on why education is important to you. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.**

San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Program

Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate a direct connection between the career they intend to pursue and the betterment of the environment. Possible career paths might include environmental sciences, environmental law, agriculture, certain engineering disciplines, science education, and scientific research. Applications are available in the Counselor's office or at <https://www.sanbernardriver.com/>. **Applications must be returned by April 1st.**

\$\$ Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Up to 200 renewable scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded. Awards are open to individuals studying aerospace engineering, computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, industrial engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering or physics who demonstrate financial need and come from underrepresented or underserved communities. Applicants must: be high school seniors, freshmen or sophomore undergraduate students, be US citizens, plan to enroll in at a four-year college or university in the US, be majoring in a STEM program,

have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available at <https://lockheedmartin.com/scholarship>. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.**

\$\$ Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

This scholarship is available at www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the site.

Applications must be submitted by June 7th.

\$\$ AES Engineers Scholarship

This scholarship is committed to continuing support of higher education regardless of the chosen field of study. Applications are available at

www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. **Deadline to apply is October 8th.**