



## **The 6th Annual Mary Buscema College and Career Ready Scholarship**

About the Scholarship: A stated goal of the Higley District is to prepare its graduates to be College and Career Ready (CCR). This is defined as HUSD high school graduates being qualified for any of the following: traditional 4-yr colleges/universities, military service, community college programs and technical, certificate-granting training programs (Trade Schools, Medical Programs, EVIT, etc.). Advanced education beyond high school is a strong indicator of future financial independence and improvement in next-generational standard of living.

In honor of Mary Buscema's service to HUSD, The Higley Achievement Foundation (HAF) is funding this Mary Buscema CCR Scholarship program to fill a gap in financial support for students interested in other than 4-year degree programs, specifically community college degrees/certificates or accredited technical/career certificate programs. This program is open to any qualified student.

Priority will be given to first generation post-high school students, and/or those who may not be able to attend CCR programs without financial assistance.

The goal of The Higley Achievement Foundation is to make a difference in the lives of our graduates and encourage the next generation of Higley scholars, workers, and citizens.

All application materials are due at the HHS or WFHS Career Center by 3:00 pm Friday April 26, 2024, for consideration by the 2024 Selection Committee.

Please contact Mark Swisher, HAF, at (480) 235-5857 if you have any questions.

### **CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION MATERIALS**

1. Each application packet should include:
2. Signed application form
3. Résumé
4. One or two letters of recommendation from school staff, counsellors, community leaders or work managers
5. Short essay about yourself
6. One copy of high school transcript (either official or copy of unofficial is acceptable)
7. Acceptance letter from educational institution or training program (if/when available)



Important notes:

- Please submit two complete application packets (original and a copy)
- Application form and Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheet(s) may be typed or handwritten.
- A copy of the unofficial transcript is sufficient. It does not have to be direct from Parchment.
- Fasten each set with a paper clip or binder clip - Please do not staple
- Incomplete and/or late applications may not be considered.

Submit all application materials to the HHS or WFHS Career Center. A representative of HAF will pick them up at the school after the deadline.



**The Higley Achievement Foundation  
Mary Buscema College and Career Ready Scholarship  
Application (1 of 2)**

Academic Year: 2023-2024

Application Deadline: 4/26/24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street or PO Box City State Zip*

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Educational Program in which you plan to enroll/have been accepted:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Educational Program City/State Program Dates*

**Have you been accepted? Y / N**

**Are you the first generation of your immediate family to study beyond high school? Y / N**

**Will you still attend this program if you are not selected for this scholarship? Y / N**

**What is your intended field of study? \_\_\_\_\_**

**High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_**

**High School counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_**

I declare that all the information in my application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Applicant's Signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*



**The Higley Achievement Foundation  
Mary Buscema College and Career Ready Scholarship  
First Letter of Recommendation**

Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_

(Last, First, M.I.)

**Letter of Recommendation:**

This student is applying for *The Higley Achievement Foundation* Mary Buscema College and Career Ready (CCR) Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a selective group of Higley Unified School District from this year’s high school graduating class. Applicants are encouraged to attach up to two letters of recommendation from school staff, counsellors, community leaders or work managers who know them well.

**Recommendation Guidelines:**

In your 1-2 page letter please be sure to include the name of the student. Discuss the qualities the student has demonstrated that you feel make him/her competitive for this College and Career Ready Scholarship. Feel free to comment on topics such as the student’s work ethic, character, focus and drive, pursuit of knowledge, commitment to education, and campus/community involvement. Please return to the student prior to the April 26, 2024 deadline.

Recommender’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known the student \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (Phone and/or email) \_\_\_\_\_



**The Higley Achievement Foundation  
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Second Letter of Recommendation**

Student Name

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(Last, First, M.I.)

**Letter of Recommendation:**

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