

PASS-THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you for your interest in providing a scholarship to graduating Wylie ISD seniors. All seniors can apply for scholarships through a single online application form. The Wylie ISD Education Foundation (the Foundation) manages contributions and distributes awards on behalf of community organizations and businesses that offer scholarships.

DONOR RESPONSIBILITIES

As a scholarship donor, you will:

- Submit the completed agreement to the Foundation.
- Provide desired scholarship criteria, ranked by priority, by Dec. 1.
- Fund the scholarship by the last business day of February. Minimum award: \$100 per recipient.
- Provide a 2-3 sentence summary of your scholarship for use during the award ceremony.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- In February, we will share a single online scholarship application with all Wylie ISD seniors. The application matches students with scholarships based on their school history and donor criteria.
- We expect to distribute approximately 140 scholarships through the Foundation and Wylie ISD.
- Scholarship winners will be announced in May. Donors will be invited to attend the awards ceremony. Specific event details will be communicated as the date approaches.
- We cannot reveal scholars until all scholarships have been awarded. After the ceremonies, a list of recipients will be posted on our website, wisdfoundation.org.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND DEADLINES

- Submit any new or updated criteria by Dec. 15 for inclusion in the online application.
- Criteria changes received after Dec. 15 will apply to the following school year's application cycle.
- Once the application period begins, no changes can be made to the criteria.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Each scholarship must be fully funded by the first business day of March.
- Scholarships funded after the deadline may incur a 5% management fee.
- We cannot distribute a scholarship until payment is received.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION

- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the student's accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school.
- Awardees must submit proof of sending a thank-you letter to the donor and provide their school information by mid-September. Failure to meet these requirements will result in forfeiture of the scholarship, and funds (minus the management fee) will be returned to the donor. In rare cases, scholarships may be deferred.

We aim to be transparent throughout the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for your generosity and support of Wylie ISD students.

All the best,



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To empower every student and educator in Wylie ISD by providing resources that foster educational achievement and lifelong success.

PASS-THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

Please print this form and complete the information below to ensure we can process and acknowledge this gift.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Title (*This is how it will be referenced in print and announced at the award ceremony*):

DONOR INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Primary Contact Name (First and Last Name): _____

Address (please include the organization's address):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Secondary Contact Name (First and Last Name): _____

Address (please include the organization's address):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

This will be read at the award ceremony.

By providing your email address and/or phone number, you will receive news, updates, and other ways to get involved with the Wylie ISD Education Foundation. You may unsubscribe at any time.

SIGNATURE

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your questions and feedback are important to us. Please feel free to contact us at wisdfoundation.org or call (972) 429-3025. Thank you for your generosity.

Please mail this completed form to: Wylie ISD Education Foundation | 951 S Ballard Ave. | Wylie, TX 75098

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA WORKSHEET GUIDE

This guide explains how selected criteria determine how a scholarship is awarded.

HARD CRITERIA

Hard criteria are the mandatory requirements a student must meet to be considered for a scholarship. If a student does not meet even one of these criteria, they will not be included in the list of potential recipients. The scholarship cannot be awarded if no students meet the hard criteria. Criteria should not be so restrictive that they make awarding the scholarship difficult.

SOFT CRITERIA

Soft criteria allow donors to prioritize one student over another. If you choose to use soft criteria, assign a numerical value to indicate its importance. A value of "1" means it is the most important soft requirement, while a "4" means it is a preference but not essential. The more closely an applicant matches your soft requirements, the more points they will receive, increasing their chance of being awarded the scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

Students are first filtered according to hard criteria and then ranked based on soft criteria. Next, three mandatory essay questions are evaluated and scored by five to seven independent reviewers. This entire process is conducted anonymously to ensure that students are selected objectively based on the donor's criteria.

SAMPLE CRITERIA TO CONSIDER

- **Need:** Consider whether a student's financial or personal circumstances should be considered. Financial need is assessed by FAFSA scores or free and reduced lunch eligibility.
- **Merit/Academic Rank:** Specify if a student's academic performance or rank should be considered.
- **Academic Requirements:** Includes enrollment in specific courses or plans to attend a particular type of postsecondary institution.
- **Interest:** Demonstrated interest in a topic or activity, assessed through participation in clubs, pursuit of a specific degree, or intent to work in a certain field.

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SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA WORKSHEET

Your generous offer to award a Wylie ISD Education Foundation scholarship will impact the lives of students in Wylie ISD. To ensure your preferences are met, please complete the questionnaire below and return the signed form to the Foundation office by December 10.

Preferred Scholarship Title: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- If you are not interested in certain criteria, leave the section blank. Only complete what applies to you.
- Check the box for a hard or soft requirement. If it's a soft requirement, assign a numerical value (1-4) indicating its importance, with "1" being very important and "4" being very unimportant.
- **Hard requirements** are *mandatory* for a student to be considered.
- **Soft requirements** allow *flexibility*, with applicants earning more points based on how well they meet them.

CRITERIA

1. Need-based (economically disadvantaged):

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____

2. Academic Rank:

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____ Class rank percentage: _____

3. Membership in Organizations:

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____ Organization(s): _____

4. Leadership in School-Sponsored Activities:

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____

5. Participation in School-Sponsored Sports:

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____ Sport(s): _____

6. Community Volunteering

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PREFERENCES

7. Preferred Type of Higher Education:

Vocational/Trade Schools

Faith-Based Institutions

Specific College (name): _____

Hard requirement Soft requirement Value: _____

