

APPLICATION

THE EDNA PEARL CARDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOR FINANCIAL AID

1340 W. Hwy Bypass 287, Suite 100
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

(A Scholarship Trust established in 1995 by Miss Edna Pearl Carder, a former WISD Teacher, to enable single deserving seniors of any high school in the Waxahachie Independent School District graduating during the current year to obtain a college education.)

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AN ANNUAL AWARD FOR FOUR YEARS, provided the recipient maintains proper grades and meets the other requirements of the Scholarship Trust as described in Item 21 of this Application. We will be awarding two (2) \$3,000.00 scholarships to be paid ½ for the Fall and ½ for the Spring semesters. Note the annual scholarship amount may be adjusted in years 2, 3, and 4 in the event of a reduction in the amount of net income available for distribution due to future unfavorable market conditions. The scholarship will automatically terminate four years from the date of the recipient’s high school graduation.

INTERVIEW DATE AND LOCATION FOR SELECTED APPLICANTS: March 18, 2026 at 2 p.m. at Ellis County Title Company, 1340 W. Hwy Bypass 287, Suite 100, Waxahachie, Texas 75165.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **March 6, 2026 at 5:00 pm**; PLEASE EMAIL A PDF VERSION OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY, ALONG WITH OTHER REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS, TO RYAN PITTS, ryan.pitts@ecatco.com. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
Last First

2. Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Cell: _____
Email: _____

3. Do you legally reside in the Waxahachie Independent School District? _____

4. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Sex: _____ Marital Status: _____

5. *Previous Employer, if any: _____ Salary: \$ _____

6. *Present Employer, if any: _____ Salary: \$ _____

7. Please list below the high schools you have attended.

From	To	Name of School	City, State
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Current Grade Point Average: _____ Rank in Class: _____
YOU MUST RANK IN THE TOP 25% OF CLASS TO BE CONSIDERED.

9. SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

10. Special Honors and Interests:

11. College or University You are Planning to Attend: _____

12. Major/Minor You Plan to Pursue: _____

13. List any financial assistance and/or scholarship(s) received and the amount(s).

14. Please state why you consider yourself qualified for a college education.

PARENTAL INFORMATION

15. Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Place of Employment: _____

*Annual Gross Income From Employment: \$ _____

Annual Gross Income From Other Sources: \$ _____

16. Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Place of Employment: _____

*Annual Gross Income From Employment: \$ _____

Annual Gross Income From Other Sources: \$ _____

17. Estimated Value of Capital Resources of Parents:

A. Investments: _____

B. Homestead: _____ Other Real Estate: _____

C. Checking and Savings: _____

D. Other: _____

18. Name and Age of Other Dependent Children:

***YOU MUST attach copies of your most recent Income Tax Return, if any, and your Parent's most recent Income Tax Return including IRS Form 1040 (1st and 2nd pages only) and current Form W-2.**

ESSAY

19. Please attach an essay telling us about the most significant person, experience, or circumstance which has shaped your life thus far and how your character and/or life goals have changed as a result. The essay should be typed, double line spaced, 12-point font and be 300-400 words in length.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

20. Do you understand that if you are chosen to receive financial assistance, the Trustees assume that you will pursue your studies with due diligence and that you will attend college and receive your degree?

21. Do you understand that in order to be eligible for this scholarship, you must:

- A. Be unmarried;
- B. Be a graduate of a Waxahachie Independent School District High School;
- C. Be a legal resident in the Waxahachie Independent School District;
- D. Rank in the top 25% of your graduating class;
- E. Be of good moral character;
- F. Be in need after taking into account all available financial resources of your parents;
- G. Become enrolled at a university or college located in the **STATE OF TEXAS** on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 credit hours each semester) and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester based on a 4.0 scale; and
- H. Provide proof of grades and credits received each semester as requested.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:

- A. Recent picture or snapshot of yourself.
- B. Transcript of your High School Grades and Test Scores.
- C. Letter of recommendation from your High School Principal or Teacher.
- D. Letter of recommendation from a family friend (not a relative).
- E. Copies of Income Tax Returns as noted above.

STATEMENT BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the facts contained in this Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that in signing this Application I understand the regulations regarding the award of financial aid offered by the Scholarship and have made clear to my child, if selected, what will be required of him/her by the Board of Trustees.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____