2026 STAFFORD MSD EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The mission of the Stafford MSD Education Foundation is to increase educational opportunities for SMSD students through grants and scholarships generated by partnerships with educators, parents, community members, businesses, and civic leaders committed to bridging the distance between needs and resources. The Board of Directors of the SMSD Education Foundation has established a scholarship fund to award scholarships in the amount of $2,000.00 each for 2025 Stafford High School graduates. To receive an award, you must provide enrollment confirmation in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year public or private college, university, or technical/trade school. Stafford MSD Education Foundation awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

Eligibility

The scholarship applicant must:

- be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America (documentation may be requested),
- be a Stafford High School 2026 graduate,
- be continuously enrolled in SMSD as a full-time student for four (4) semesters preceding graduation,
- plan to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year public or private college, university, or technical/trade school; and
- have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 at the time of application.

Application/Submission

Interested students must complete and submit an application listing all other scholarships (pending and/or received), a one-page resume (sample attached), three appraisal forms and **NO SEPARATE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS** (**no more than one from school affiliated personnel and no relatives**), and a 250 word double spaced essay describing personal goals, aspirations and how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goals. A current SHS official transcript can be mailed by the school counselor to the Foundation's address, or a sealed official transcript may be included in the packet. **Please include a front and back copy of the transcript with test scores**.

Applications and all pertinent materials ***must be submitted by mail and/or hand delivered*** **no later than March 27, 2026. Mail to Mrs. Shirleen Willis, Stafford MSD Education Foundation, Scholarship Committee, P. O. BOX 1907, Stafford, TX 77497, or hand deliver to Mrs. Cherise Roberts, SMSD Library, Room H102.** Applications will be accepted by mail if **postmarked no later than Friday, March 28, 2025**. Any applications postmarked after **March 27, 2026,** will not be considered. All information received becomes the property of the SMSD Education Foundation and is considered confidential and will be reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee. **Please have the Post Office date-stamp your envelope.**

Any **incomplete applications** received **will not** be judged. This means all required documents must be included in the packet when submitted. **All applications must be one-sided, no front and back printing. Front and back printed applications WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR JUDGED.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.

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High School Scholarship Program

Application deadline Friday, March 27, 2026

For Scholarship Committee Use Only

Applicant's No. _____

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES IN BLACK INK ONLY
Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial

Permanent Physical Home Address | City | Zip

Post Office Box (if applicable) | City | Zip

Home Phone | Cell Phone | Email Address

Mark one: United States Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial

Permanent Physical Home Address | City | Zip

Day Phone | Cell Phone | Other Phone:

Relationship to Applicant | Email Address

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

List the postsecondary school you plan to attend. Use official school names, no abbreviations. If school choice is undecided, indicate the schools to which you have applied.

Name of School; | City | State

☐ 4-year College or University ☐ 2-year Community or Junior College ☐ Technical School

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Major or Course of Study

Degree Sought

☐ Bachelor ☐ Associate ☐ Other

CERTIFICATION

The Stafford MSD Scholarship Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting the recipient based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. This application becomes the property of Stafford MSD Education Foundation. Please keep a copy for your files.

I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information submitted with this application. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

My non-custodian ☐ parent is no longer legally responsible (or has failed) to help contribute to my financial needs.

Applicant's Signature | Date

Parent's Signature | Date

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The applicant is responsible for submitting all materials **by mail** to the Stafford MSD Education Foundation by the stated date. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**. All applications must be printed one-sided or they will not be accepted. Applications are considered to be complete and will be evaluated when the following documentation has been received:

- COMPLETED STUDENT APPLICATION
- 250 WORD DOUBLE SPACED ESSAY
- RESUME
- 3 APPRAISAL FORMS (NO MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL AFFILIATED PERSONNEL AND NO RELATIVES) NO **SEPARATE LETTERS** – ALL INFORMATION SHOULD BE ON THE APPRAISAL FORM. SEPARATE LETTERS WILL NOT BE USED IN THE JUDGING.
- LIST OF ALL PENDING AND/OR RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS
- CURRENT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH TEST SCORES

MAIL TO:
MRS. SHIRLEEN WILLIS
SMSD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SMSDEF SCHOLARSHIP
P. O. BOX 1907
STAFFORD TX 77497

HAND DELIVER TO:
MRS. CHERISE ROBERTS
SMSD LIBRARY
ROOM H-102

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE US POST OFFICE AND/OR HAND DELIVERED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, March 27, 2026

APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE IF ALL DOCUMENTATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

IF MAILING, HAVE THE POST OFFICE HAND STAMP THE DATE ON YOUR PACKAGE

Additional Information

Questions regarding the scholarship application should be addressed to Mrs. Shirleen Willis, (281) 468-6343 (moonspinner49@hotmail.com).

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APPLICANT APPRAISAL

Directions: This objective appraisal is a key component of evaluating your application. The form needs to be completed by a person outside of your family who is knowledgeable of your character. Only one of the three required appraisals may be completed by school personnel.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

AA **Appraiser:** Please supply the requested information in support of this application. When complete, please return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Applicant: If this section is not completed, the score earned by your application will be impacted.
Please include additional comments in the area provided or on the back of this paper.

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary education program is	☐ extremely appropriate	☐ very appropriate	☐ moderately appropriate	☐ inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
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Appraiser's Name | **Title** | **Telephone**

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SAMPLE RESUME

Billy Bob Smith 10568 Jones Road Anywhere, USA 89891
Bbsmith1@gmail.com 281-555-5555

Objective: To pursue a career in Veterinary Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

Taco Bell 2016 – present
Cashier

- Receive payment by cash, check, credit cards, vouchers, or automatic debits.
- Answer customers' questions and provide information on procedures or policies.
- Help customers find the location of products.
- Issue receipts, refunds, credits, or change due to customers.
- Greet customers entering establishments.

Dillard's 2016 – 2018
Sales Associate

- Greeted customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs.
- Recommended, selected, and help locate or obtain merchandise based on customer needs and desires.
- Computed sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash or credit payment.
- Prepared merchandise for purchase or rental.
- Answered questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

ORGANIZTIONS

Jones FAA, Reporter 2003 – 2004
Jones FAA, Treasurer 2004 – 2005
Jones FAA, Vice-President 2005 – 2006
National Honor Society 2001 – 2004
Chest Club, Secretary 2001 – 2004

EXTRACURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Barn Workday
Stadium Clean-up
Programs Sales
Blood Drive
Fundraisers
Feeding the homeless
FAA Food Drive
Hurricane Relief Drive

EDUCATION

Stafford High School Senior