



THE HARPER ELIZABETH MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ABOUT THE SCHOLAR PROGRAM:

A scholarship fund has been established with the Waco ISD Education Foundation in memory of Harper Elizabeth Miller, daughter of David and Emily Miller. David is a Waco High School Class of 2011 graduate. One Waco High School senior will be selected that recognizes outstanding academic achievement and leadership during their high school career.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

A Harper Elizabeth Miller Scholarship of \$15,000 will be awarded to one graduating student from Waco High School each year. The student must have attended Waco High School in the 11th and 12th grades, with attendance at either Waco High School or University High School for 9th and 10th grades. The award will be given over a four-year period. The student must be enrolled in a four-year accredited university. Enrollment in a bachelor's degree plan offered through McLennan Community College's University Center, or comparable program, is accepted. If the required GPA is maintained, the awarded funds will be given directly to the university (one-eighth per semester) each of the four years. The award may be deferred for postgraduate studies upon request and dependent on the recipient's other scholarships and financial assistance for undergraduate studies.

CRITERIA:

- Top 20% of graduating class
- Demonstrate financial need
- Complete a balanced college preparatory program in Advanced Academics Studies
- Only Waco High seniors may apply (*Must have attended Waco High for 11th & 12th grades, with attendance at either Waco High School or University High School for 9th and 10th grades*)

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Completed application form
- 2 letters of recommendation from a Waco High teacher, coach, or counselor
- 1 letter from a counselor confirming the student's financial need based on other documentation, such as a FAFSA application
- One-page, typed resume reflecting course load, honors, extracurricular activities, and work experience
Note: Resume should not include current GPA
- Proof of college acceptance (acceptance letter) to a four-year accredited university
Note: Enrollment in a bachelor's degree plan offered through McLennan Community College's University Center, or comparable program, is accepted
- 500-700 word typed essay on the following topic:
 - Reflect on the impact Waco High School, Waco ISD, and/or the City of Waco has had on you.
 - How do you believe that impact will shape your educational and career goals?

Applications for this scholarship award must be submitted no later than **April 24, 2026**. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be emailed to education.foundation@wacoisd.org and be received **by midnight on April 24, 2026**.

SELECTION:

A selection committee will be formed by the WISD Education Foundation. Included on the committee will be the Waco High School principal or designee, a Waco High School counselor, and community representatives.

CONTINUATION:

The student must maintain a GPA of 2.5 each semester to qualify for scholarship continuation. The scholarship will be discontinued if the GPA has not been maintained for a semester, but is available again in subsequent semesters in which a 2.5 GPA is retained.

For more information, please contact the Waco ISD Education Foundation @ 254.755.9510 or education.foundation@wacoisd.org.



THE HARPER ELIZABETH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP 2026 APPLICATION FORM

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

WHAT UNIVERSITY DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED? YES NO/NOT YET

WHAT LEVEL DEGREE TO YOU PLAN TO SEEK? _____

WHAT MAJOR/CAREER TO YOU PLAN TO PURSUE? _____

DO YOU MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA? YES NO IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

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LIST ANY HONORS, AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
(USE A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.)

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- 500-700 WORD PERSONAL ESSAY: REFLECT ON THE IMPACT WACO HIGH SCHOOL, WACO ISD, AND/OR THE CITY OF WACO HAS HAD ON YOU. HOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IMPACT WILL SHAPE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS?
- 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (FROM A WACO HIGH TEACHER, COACH, OR COUNSELOR)
- 1 LETTER FROM A COUNSELOR CONFIRMING STUDENT'S FINANCIAL NEED
- ONE-PAGE, TYPED RESUME
- PROOF OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE (ACCEPTANCE LETTER) TO A FOUR-YEAR ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2026

Return to: Waco ISD Education Foundation - P.O. Box 2369 - Waco, TX 76703

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