



THE MATTHEW BARRERA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship fund has been established with the Waco ISD Education Foundation in memory of Matthew Barrera, Waco High School Class of 2005. Matthew was a proud Waco High Lion and was involved in many extracurricular activities while in school, including soccer and show choir. After graduating from Waco High, Matthew attended Texas A&M University and received a bachelor's degree in horticulture. He returned home to Waco to help manage one of the family's businesses, Robinson Greenhouse. His passion for the nursery was obvious, because he enjoyed how all of the beauty and color brought joy to the customers. Matthew never turned away anyone that needed help, and he enjoyed giving back to the community and donating to or helping to raise funds for various charities.

Applicants should be in need of financial support, a graduating senior from Waco High School or University High School and are planning to attend Texas A&M University or a vocational/technical school within the U.S.

Students will have an opportunity to receive a scholarship award of \$2,500.

Students must submit the following for the application:

- the attached 2026 application
- 2 recommendation letters from a teacher, coach or counselor (1 of which should attest to the student's financial need)
- a typed resume that features leadership engagement, personal goals and service/volunteer activities
- proof of college acceptance (acceptance letter) to Texas A&M University or a vocational/technical school within the U.S.
- a 1-2 page typed essay focusing on community and service

Selection Process:

- A selection committee will be formed by the Waco ISD Education Foundation.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipients' chosen institution of higher learning at the beginning of the fall 2026 semester. Selected recipients will be given instructions on providing their proof of enrollment and other necessary information to the Waco ISD Education Foundation in order for the payment to be disbursed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Electronic applications are preferred and should be submitted electronically to education.foundation@wacoisd.org and must be received **by midnight on April 24, 2026.**

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



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Do you meet the following criteria?

- Current Waco High or University High senior
- Proof of financial need
- Attending Texas A&M or a vocational/technical school

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

WHAT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

**Please attach university/college acceptance letter.*

WHAT IS YOUR ANTICIPATED MAJOR, FIELD OF STUDY, OR CAREER PATH? _____

WACO HIGH

UNIVERSITY HIGH

CURRENT GPA: _____

LIST YOUR LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES, PERSONAL GOALS AND SERVICE/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

LIST ANY HONORS, AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Return to: Waco ISD Education Foundation, PO Box 2369, Waco, Texas 76703

Email: education.foundation@wacoisd.org

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