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PANHANDLE-PLAINS HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION (PPHEF)

Windmill Scholarship

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Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Foundation has created the Windmill Scholarship to help students with funding towards their education cost. The goal of the scholarship program is to assist deserving students meet their educational cost as they work towards their chosen higher education goals at colleges and universities.

General Criteria:

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident and a Texas resident.
- Plan to enroll or currently enrolled at a governmental or non-profit educational institution, located in the State of Texas that has been accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and provided the institution offers an academic degree program requiring at least two school years attendance. **Note: Degree or Certificate programs that are described as technical programs or do not prepare a student to transfer to a college and work towards a baccalaureate degree are not eligible programs for scholarship consideration.**
- Permanent address must be in one of the Texas Counties within the PPHEF service area for scholarship consideration. Please review PPHEF Service Area Counties on the back to see if you or your students are eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Eligibility will be assessed by reviewing information concerning academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership, and reference recommendations provided in the application process.
- Applications will be reviewed and scored on a 100-point scale to determine eligibility and award amount for the scholarship.
- Full-time college enrollment is required to receive the scholarship award.
- Applicant may receive the scholarship awards for a maximum of four academic years (Fall/Spring) of undergraduate enrollment or receipt of their first baccalaureate undergraduate degree, as long as they continue to meet satisfactory academic progress guidelines.
- Scholarship awards may not be used for summer school attendance.
- Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college or university the applicant plans to attend for credit or disbursement to the student account.
- Scholarship award funds must be used for eligible educational expenses consisting of tuition and required fees, required books and supplies, room and board, and incidental expenses related to attendance such as travel expenditures.

Academic Criteria:

- Must be a current Texas High School graduate from an accredited public or private Texas High School with at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for consideration. Applicants must provide a copy of their 7th-semester Texas High School transcript showing cumulative GPA (unweighted) and class rank.
- Currently enrolled College students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale or higher to be eligible for consideration. Applicants must provide a copy of their transcript that shows cumulative GPA and the number of hours earned.

Financial Need:

- All applicants will be required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid® (FAFSA) to determine the financial need component.
- Applicant must provide a copy of the entire FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) to PPHEF as part of the application process.

Application Process:

- Applicants are encouraged to include information on extracurricular activities such as: academic honors or community volunteer activities, athletic, religious as well as paid and unpaid work. Showing leadership growth in the above activities need to be highlighted for additional scholarship points.
- Applicants will be asked to provide email addresses to 3 separate (non-related) references. PPHEF will independently send those references instructions on how to complete the reference request.

Satisfactory Academic Progress:

- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 each semester of enrollment to be eligible for disbursement or renewal.
- Student must earn 24 semester hours per year (Fall/Spring), which will be checked annually to be considered for renewal.

Scholarship Renewable Process:

- Auto-renewal of your scholarship award for the next academic year will be determined by reviewing the appropriate year's spring academic transcript to verify the student has maintained satisfactory academic progress as outlined above.
- Students will receive a reminder email on May 1st of each year to submit their college academic transcript for review and determination of scholarship renewal.
- Students may log in to the Windmill Scholarship system and select the application tracker tab to see if any additional items may be needed as part of the renewal process after the reminder email mentioned above is received.

Application Dates:

The application process opens for new scholarship applicants in early January each year to complete the initial application. The priority deadline for initial applications will be established before the scholarship opens, and the website will be updated with the offical date once they are available. Applications completed and received by the priority deadline date will be reviewed and awarded in the order received, as long as funds are available. We may still review and award completed applications received after the priority deadline date, if funds are available, in the date-received order.

Once funds are exhausted for the application period, the application process will be closed. These dates may be subject to change, and we highly recommend reviewing information on www.pphef.org for the most up-to-date information.

Service Area Counties

Andrews	Archer	Armstrong	Bailey
Baylor	Borden	Briscoe	Brown
Callahan	Carson	Castro	Childress
Cochran	Coke	Coleman	Collingsworth
Comanche	Concho	Cottle	Crane
Crosby	Dallam	Dawson	Deaf Smith
Dickens	Donley	Eastland	Ector
Fisher	Floyd	Foard	Gaines
Garza	Glasscock	Gray	Hale
Hall	Hansford	Hardeman	Hartley
Haskell	Hemphill	Hockley	Howard
Hutchinson	Irion	Jones	Kent
King	Knox	Lamb	Lampasas
Lipscomb	Lubbock	Lynn	Martin
McCulloch	Midland	Mills	Mitchell
Moore	Motley	Nolan	Ochiltree
Oldham	Parmer	Potter	Randall
Reagan	Roberts	Runnels	San Saba
Scurry	Shackelford	Sherman	Stephens
Sterling	Stonewall	Swisher	Taylor
Terry	Throckmorton	Tom Green	Upton
Wheeler	Wichita	Wilbarger	Winkler
Yoakum	Young		

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