
The George Foundation Fort Bend County High School Scholarship Program



THE PROGRAM

The George Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist graduating public high school seniors within Fort Bend County who plan to enroll for the first time at a public two- or four-year college or university in Texas. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time undergraduate study at an accredited public Texas institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America. Scholarship America is a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

This is a financial need based scholarship program.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to The George Foundation Fort Bend County High School Scholarship Program must be:

- Fort Bend County residents and citizens of the United States.
- Graduating high school seniors from public schools within Fort Bend County.
- Students must have a grade point average of **2.5 or higher**, based on a 4.0 scale.
- The adjusted gross income of the applicant's parents **may not exceed \$50,000**.
- Students who plan to enroll for the first time in a full-time* (minimum 12 credit hours) undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year public college or university in Texas.

**Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive, an award of up to \$5,000 (not exceeding comprehensive school costs). Up to twenty (20) awards will be granted each year. Awards may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in a full-time course of study at an accredited two- or four-year public college or university in Texas of the students choice and continuation of the program by The George Foundation.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it along with a copy of the parents' W-2 forms, the first and second pages of their latest federal income tax return, a list of all other scholarships received and/or pending and a current, complete official transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 15**. On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

If a non-custodian parent is no longer legally responsible or has failed to help with the contribution to the applicant's financial needs, please check box #11 in the "Parents' Financial Data" section **as well as** the box provided in the "Certification" section.

If your **parent(s)** were **not required to file** a federal income tax return, see instructions on line 3 on the back page of the application titled "Instructions for Completing the Financial Data Section of the Application."

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application are found on the back page of the application. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, an outside appraisal, and academic record.

Scholarship recipients are required to provide proof of Fort Bend County residency.

Financial need as calculated by Scholarship America must be demonstrated for the student to receive an award.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of The George Foundation play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Scholarship America as final.

Applicants will be notified in early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of The George Foundation. Payments are made in equal installments on August 1 and December 20. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to The George Foundation. They are, however, required to supply Scholarship America with complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship America of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

REVISIONS

The George Foundation reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

The George Foundation Fort Bend County High School Scholarship Program
Scholarship America – Karen Huhn
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