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Quick Reference Guide

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A+ Federal Credit Union	Feb. 7th	Online	Online
American Legion	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Aqua Water Supply Corporation	May 15th	Org-specific form	Must be mailed to the organization
Ascension Bastrop Knights of Columbus	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Ascension Family Altar Society	March 1st	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Ascension Knights of Columbus Auxiliary	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bastrop County Audubon Society Scholarship	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Bastrop County Bar Association	Feb. 28th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bastrop County Soil & Water Conservation District	March 21st	Org-specific form (online)	Online
Bastrop County Texas A&M Club	April 1st	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bastrop County Texas Exes	March 1st	Org-specific form	Online
Bastrop Evening Lions Club	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard Plus	Counseling Office
Bastrop Federation of Teachers	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bastrop Homecoming, Inc.	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Bastrop Juneteenth Committee	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bastrop Mina Masonic Lodge #1456	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office

Name	Deadline	Application used	Submit App
Bastrop Pride Scholarship	TBD	TBD	TBD
Bastrop Senior Center	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
BCDP Anne & Marvin Beck Memorial	TBD	Org-specific form	Mail to Org
BHS Class '79 Memorial	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
BHS Memorial Fund	TBD	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Blue Flame Cruisers	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Government in Action Tour	Jan. 17th	Org-specific form	Online
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc (Academics)	March 7th	Org-specific form	Online
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc (Trade School)	March 7th	Org-specific form	Online
Caitlyn Cares	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard + Essay	Counseling Office
Christian Harman Memorial Scholarship	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Christina Lane Memorial Scholarship	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Daughter of the American Revolution	Jan. 31	Org-specific form	Online
Fannie Bowzer & Gomillion Byars	April 5th	Org-specific form	Must be mailed to the organization
Father Bernard C. Goertz	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Fred Wright Jr. Memorial	TBD	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Friends of the Bastrop Public Library	March 1st	Org-specific form	Must be mailed to the organization
Jack of Hearts	Feb. 31	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Kacey James Hendrix Memorial	Feb. 20	Org-specific form	Counseling Office

Name	Deadline	Application used	Submit App
Ladies of Charity	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Maynard - Betty J. Maynard	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Maynard - Elsie H. Maynard Memorial - First United Methodist Church	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard + Essay	Counseling Office
Maynard - W. E. & Elsie Heard Maynard Memorial	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Molly Tomlin Beck Memorial Scholarship	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Order of Eastern Star Bastrop Chapter #64	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
Paige Lions Club	March 31st	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
Rotary Club of Bastrop County	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office
St. David's Foundation Neal Kocurek Scholarship	Jan. 3rd	Org-specific form	Online
Texas Student Housing	Jan. 31st	Org-specific form (online)	Must be mailed to the organization
The Adrianna Bebecca Sepeda Memorial Scholarship	Feb. 20th	BHS Standard	Counseling Office
The Sons of the Republic of Texas	Jan. 31st	Org-specific form	Must be mailed to the organization
UDC Doris Birden Turner	Feb. 20th	Org-specific form	Counseling Office

Reference Guide by Deadline

<i>Scholarship/Organization Name</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Government in Action Tour	01/17/25
Daughter of the American Revolution	01/31/25
A+ Federal Credit Union	02/07/25
American Legion	02/20/25
Ascension Bastrop Knights of Columbus	02/20/25
Ascension Knights of Columbus Auxiliary	02/20/25
Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas	02/20/25
Bastrop County Audubon Society Scholarship	02/20/25
Bastrop Evening Lions Club	02/20/25
Bastrop Federation of Teachers	02/20/25
Bastrop Homecoming, Inc.	02/20/25
Bastrop Juneteenth Committee	02/20/25
Bastrop Mina Masonic Lodge #1456	02/20/25
Bastrop Senior Center	02/20/25
BHS Class '79 Memorial	02/20/25
Blue Flame Cruisers	02/20/25
Caitlyn Cares	02/20/25
Christian Harman Memorial Scholarship	02/20/25
Christina Lane Memorial Scholarship	02/20/25
Father Bernard C. Goertz	02/20/25
Kacey James Hendrix Memorial	02/20/25
Ladies of Charity	02/20/25
Martin Luther King, Jr.	02/20/25
Maynard - Betty J. Maynard	02/20/25
Maynard - Elsie H. Maynard Memorial - First United Methodist Church	02/20/25
Maynard - W. E. & Elsie Heard Maynard Memorial	02/20/25
Molly Tomlin Beck Memorial Scholarship	02/20/25
BHS Memorial Fund	02/20/25
Fred Wright Jr. Memorial	02/20/25
Bastrop Pride Scholarship	02/20/25
BCDP Anne & Marvin Beck Memorial	02/20/25
Bastrop County Bar Association	02/28/25
Jack of Hearts	02/31/25
Ascension Family Altar Society	03/01/25
Bastrop County Texas Exes	03/01/25

Scholarship/Organization Name	Deadline
Friends of the Bastrop Public Library	03/01/25
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc (Academics)	03/07/25
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc (Trade School)	03/07/25
Bastrop County Soil & Water Conservation District	03/21/25
Bastrop County Texas A&M Club	04/01/25
Fannie Bowzer & Gomillion Byars	04/05/25
Aqua Water Supply Corporation	05/15/25



Introduction

Graduates of BHS are fortunate to have a large number of businesses, individuals, and civic-minded, service-oriented organizations that take pride in providing scholarships to deserving students.

The scholarships included in this book vary in value, eligibility requirements, and selection procedures. Some require evidence of high scholastic performance while others are based on the applicant's intended course of study, special talent, or financial need. They also vary in methods used to select the recipients. Therefore, it is important that applicants carefully review the requirements for each scholarship.

This book contains descriptions of local scholarships. While our community is very generous, there are other financial aid options available to graduating seniors. Students should plan to file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after December 1st of their Senior Year as possible to qualify for loans and grants. Additional sources of financial aid are often available at the post secondary institution of the student's choice. Parents and students can find that information on the institution's website and by talking with a financial aid consultant on the college campus. In addition, there are numerous scholarships and awards sponsored by businesses, organizations, unions, and other private sources not listed in this book. Please consult the list of websites suggested in this book as well as other publications on financial aid.

Students are encouraged to check the google classroom for the Class of 2025 and stop by the Career Center. Seniors are also encouraged to check the Career Center's website for any new local scholarships which may be added after the publication of this book.

Keep in mind: Hundreds of scholarships, awards, and grants-in-aid are available from schools and organizations throughout the United States. Colleges themselves are the main source of student aid whether it is a scholarship or a loan.

Looking for Scholarship Information?

- Check in with Ms. Johnson and Ms. Cure in the Career Center.
- Announcements pertinent to scholarships are posted on the google classroom for the Class of 2025 and Career Center webpages.
- Be on the Senior Remind to get Scholarship updates.
- Study the financial aid information on college websites.
- Spend time researching scholarship websites.

Checklist for you Senior Year

Use this checklist to ensure that you have completed the major milestones for your chosen career path.

Career Plan	Checklist
2-Year College 4-Year College/University Technical or Trade School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Texas Common Application for any Texas public college or university (available at www.applytexas.org.) <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for college visits when recruiters come to the BHS campus. Check the Class of 2025 google classroom or stop by the College & Career Center for information. <input type="checkbox"/> Use a calendar to keep track of admission and scholarship deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask teachers and counselors for references early. <input type="checkbox"/> Testing Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2 (TSIA2), all Texas Public Colleges require a TSIA2 score or an SAT/ACT exemption score. You can sign up in the College & Career Center. <input type="checkbox"/> If you have not taken the SAT or ACT, do so now (not needed for two year colleges or technical schools). Most colleges are still test optional so check with your college to see if it is required. <input type="checkbox"/> If you are interested in college athletics and have not completed the NCAA Clearinghouse form, do so now. You can get assistance in the Career Center. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to more than one college. Don't let costs discourage you. Fee waivers are available for the application fees for those who qualify. Scholarships and financial aid are a great way to reduce the cost of college/university. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize your resume. <input type="checkbox"/> The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is available online after December 1st. Create an FSA ID now. (You can do that in the Career Center or online at studentaid.gov.) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact the financial aid office of the college you want to attend for financial aid information. <input type="checkbox"/> Request official transcripts from the Registrar. There is a QR code in the College & Career Center that you can scan to request your

	<p>transcripts. You can get unofficial transcripts from the College and Career Center.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep any application or scholarship essays on the computer. That way you can adapt them for different uses.</p>
United States Armed Forces (Military)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact a recruiter ASAP.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ask lots of questions. What opportunities will you receive for education?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you did not take the ASVAB on November 15th, make sure you sign up for the one in the spring which will be offered at the school. You can take the ASVAB outside of school by working with your local recruiter to set up a time and place.</p> <p>If you plan to attend college while serving in the military please see the section above as well. If you will be on active duty, check your branch specific college information.</p>
Career/Workforce	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Look carefully into opportunities for advancement and training. Some companies offer tuition coverage for their employees seeking a degree in specific programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there intern or apprenticeship opportunities? What are those application deadlines?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Create a professional resume.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ask teachers and your counselor for references now.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check out the opportunities presented on campus when companies visit.</p>

FEE WAIVERS

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, the Career Center can give you a fee waiver form for the SAT, ACT, and college admissions fee.



Application Tips

Applying for scholarships can be an exciting and important step in funding your education, but it can also feel a bit overwhelming. With so many opportunities out there, it's essential to approach your applications strategically. Focus on understanding the requirements for each scholarship, tailoring your essays to reflect your unique strengths and experiences, and making sure you stand out. Staying organized and keeping track of deadlines is just as crucial. By following these tips, you can present your best self and boost your chances of getting the financial support you need to reach your academic goals!

- Search through the body of this book for important details such as eligibility criteria, scholarship amount, and deadline information.
- Pay attention to how you submit your completed application. Some applications should be submitted to the BHS Counseling Office, and some must be completed electronically and/or mailed to the scholarship committees. Please pay attention to the due dates and locations.
- Work on essays for applications and note what is generally expected. Tailor each essay for specific scholarships by reading the guidelines of the application. Work to show how you are uniquely qualified for the scholarship. Lastly, proofread, have someone else proofread, and proofread again.
- Before you submit a scholarship application, ensure that you have completed it and that everything asked for is attached. Incomplete applications will not be considered!
- Appearance counts. Type up your essay unless a handwritten one is specified. If you can scan the application and type in the information required, it will look even better. If you fill in the information by hand, use black ink and concentrate on neatness.
- If you need a letter of recommendation, please give the person writing it at least two weeks' advance notice, provide information concerning to whom the letter should be addressed, and provide a current resume.
- **WATCH THOSE DEADLINES.** Applications will not be accepted after the due date so follow the directions for each scholarship regarding how you submit your completed application.

- The BHS Standard Application is used by many organizations. Refer to the scholarship descriptions to determine if an organization is using our standard form, their own form, or a combination of the two.
- **IF YOU RECEIVE NOTICE THAT YOU'VE BEEN AWARDED ANY SCHOLARSHIPS, PLEASE BRING YOUR AWARD LETTER IN TO MS. JOHNSON IN THE CAREER CENTER RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU AT SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT!** (You can also use <https://tinyurl.com/2025bhsaward> to enter the information about your award).

Creating A Resume

Having a resume is really important for you as a high school student, especially as you start applying for jobs, internships, or scholarships. Think of your resume as your personal marketing tool—it's your chance to showcase your skills, experiences, and achievements in a clear and organized way. A well-crafted resume helps potential employers or scholarship committees see what you've accomplished, whether it's your volunteer work, extracurricular activities, or part-time jobs. It not only demonstrates your qualifications but also shows your professionalism and readiness for the next step in your journey. Plus, starting to build your resume now sets you up for success in the future, making it easier to apply for college or your dream job later on.

In the google classroom you were provided three resume templates to aid you in creating your first resume. One example template has been added to this document for your reference.



Student Example Template

Student Name

111 Street Name
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 555-5555
studentemail@gmail.com

SKILLS:

- Fluent in Spanish/ English
- Customer Service
- Basic Mechanics
- Communications
- Basic Construction

EXPERIENCE:

Hyatt Regency- *Dishwasher, Room service,*

MAY 2013 - JUNE 2015

Los Cabos - *Busser, Waiter*

JUNE 2015- PRESENT

- I started out as a busser, and within two months I was already training to become a waiter.

Construction – *XYZ Construction*

JUNE -AUGUST 2014

- Helper moving material as needed.

HOBBIES/ SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Playing Pool
- Playing Soccer
- Working on my car
- Working at Home

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Emile Elementary (Summer of 2015, 30 hr.)
 - Delivered textbook

College Freshman Template

After you have completed all of your scholarship applications and have started your first semester as a Freshman in college it is time to update your resume. These updates also apply to students who have elected to join the workforce.

Recommended Updates

- Remove your address from your resume
 - Some businesses and organizations may use your address as a reason to go with another candidate. This could be due to the cost it would take to move you closer or travel costs related to the interview process.
- Emphasize key features with bigger text and neutral colors.
 - Your resume should be eye catching but also professional. Some use of color is acceptable and even recommended to help draw a person's eyes toward relevant information.
- Additional Categories
 - Certain categories may need to be added or removed to make room for more relevant information. If you have been certified in anything, it is important that you include that information instead of things like hobbies and special interests.
 - Education will also be a new category that you need to add.
 - If you are attending college, add in the name of your university, degree, and program name. After your freshman year, remove your high school from your resume since it will no longer be relevant to much of what you will be applying to.
 - If you are going straight into the workforce, keep your high school on your resume until you attend either a college or trade school. Your resume will place more emphasis on certifications you have received.
 - Your resume should adjust based on what you are applying for to best fit the type of candidate the organization is looking for.

Please see the resume template below for an example of a college level professional resume.

Jane Doe

(123) 456-7890
janedoe00@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

Academy Sports & Outdoors | Bastrop, TX — Cashier

January 2024 - May 2025

- Provide quality customer service while promoting the sale of the Academy Credit Card
- Process cash, credit, and check transactions, accurately counting change to minimize balancing errors

Morellis | Bastrop, TX — Server

September 2022 - December 2023

- Describe your experience here
- Describe the benefits your certification in one sentence

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University | College Station, TX

August 2025 - Present

Bachelor's of Science

Business Administration Concentration

Bastrop High School | Bastrop, TX

August 2021 - Graduated May 2025

High School Diploma

SKILLS

Customer Service and Communication

Data Entry

Organization

Time Management

Problem-Solving

Microsoft Office

Critical Thinking

Certifications

Food Handler License
(2024)

Certified Veterinary
Assistant Level I
(2018-2020)

Extra Curriculars

FFA Member
(2021-2025)

National Technical
Honor Society Member
(2022)

College Club #1 (2025)

College
Sorority/Fraternity
(2025)

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are super important when you're applying for scholarships, as they serve as a strong endorsement of who you are, your achievements, and your potential. These letters add a personal touch that goes beyond just your grades and test scores, giving scholarship committees a deeper look into your work ethic, leadership skills, and community involvement. A well-written recommendation can showcase your unique qualities and experiences, helping you stand out from the crowd. In today's competitive landscape, having strong letters of recommendation can really boost your chances of securing the scholarships you need to achieve your educational goals!

Whom should you ask?

Ask someone who knows you relatively well and who has had enough interaction with you to give a genuine assessment of your skills and achievements. Also ask someone whom you know can write effectively. You could ask coaches, club advisers, employers, family friends, counselors, etc.

What topics does your letter need to include?

Some scholarships stress specific criteria. If you tell the person who is writing your recommendation what those criteria are, he or she may be able to write a more effective letter. In many cases, you may be able to use a slightly more general letter for several scholarships. If possible, ensure that each letter of recommendation is addressed to an individual or to a specific scholarship fund.

How do I request a letter of recommendation?

Please recognize that writing a good letter of recommendation is not a simple task. You are asking someone to work hard on a letter that will represent you well. Thank the writer for his help and offer to make the task as simple as possible by doing the following:

- Provide all the information the writer will need including names, addresses, and any specific topics that need to be covered.
- Provide a list of your activities and achievements (Resume).
- Provide information about your educational and career goals.
- Provide a copy of your college essays so the writer understands more about you, your approach to the college application process, and what sets you apart from other students applying for the same scholarship.

Provide your letter writer as much lead time as possible. Check in with him at some point in the letter writing process to see if he has everything he needs. This is both a supportive touch and a chance to “jog” the writer’s memory about the approaching deadline.

After you receive the letter, write a note of appreciation.

Which letter do you send?

It is often a good idea to ask two to three people to write letters of recommendation. That way you can send the best letter or the one which best meets the needs of a specific scholarship.

Now that you have the letter:

Slip the letter into a protective plastic cover or folder. That way you know where it is, and you have it easily available if you need to make additional copies.

How to address an Envelope

Most college applications today are completed online and have very few pieces that have to be mailed in. However, addressing a mailing envelope correctly is an important skill, especially as you prepare to send out scholarship entries or even job applications. Here’s a step-by-step guide to help you do it right:

1. Choose the Right Envelope

- a. Use a standard-sized envelope (like a #10 envelope) for most applications and letters.

2. Return Address

- a. In the top left corner, write your return address. This should include:
 - i. Your full name
 - ii. Your street address
 - iii. City, state, and ZIP code
- b. Example:
 - i. Jane Doe
 - ii. 1234 Maple Street
 - iii. Anytown, TX 12345

3. Recipient's Address

- a. In the center of the envelope, write the recipient's address. This is who you're sending the letter to. Include:
 - i. Their name (make sure to use the correct title, like Mr., Ms., or Dr., if applicable)
 - ii. Their organization or school (if needed)
 - iii. The street address
 - iv. City, state, and ZIP code
- b. Example:
 - i. Admissions Office
 - ii. University of Example
 - iii. 5678 College Avenue
 - iv. College Town, TX 67890

4. Formatting

- a. Make sure to use a clear, legible font if you're printing, or write neatly in black or blue ink.
- b. Don't forget to center the recipient's address on the envelope.

5. Postage

- a. In the top right corner, place a stamp. Make sure to check the current postage rate, as it can vary depending on the size and weight of your envelope.
- b. Postage stamps are typically available at most large grocery stores as well as places like the United States Post Office (USPS), FedEx, UPS, and office supply stores. If you are mailing more than a couple of pieces of paper it is best to take your letter/package to the post office so they can advise you on the proper postage. You do not want to have your letter returned to you because it lacked proper postage.

6. Double-Check

- a. Before sealing the envelope, double-check that all the information is correct. Make sure you have the right address and that there are no spelling mistakes!

7. Seal the Envelope

- a. Once you've checked everything, seal the envelope securely. If it's a large application, consider using tape for extra security.

8. Send It Off

- a. Take your envelope to a mailbox or post office. If it's time-sensitive, consider mailing it a few days early to ensure it arrives on time.

By following these steps, you'll make sure your envelope looks professional and gets to the right place without any hiccups. Good luck with your applications!

J. Sender
456 Everywhere Blvd
Johnsontown St 45678



Favored Recipient
123 Somewhere Place
Worcestershireville, ST
32133-5555

How to write a Thank You Letter

Before you write a thank-you note, ask yourself these questions:

- **Whom are you thanking?**
- **What is the gift or help you are thanking that person for?**
- **Why are you thankful for that gift or help?**

Writing your Thank You Letter

Writing a thank you letter is a great way to show appreciation, whether it's for a scholarship, an interview, or a gift. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you write a thoughtful and effective thank you letter:

1. Choose the Right Format

- a. You can write your thank you letter by hand on nice stationery or type it in a clear font. If it's an email, make sure to use a professional email format.

2. Start with the Date

- a. If you're writing a physical letter, include the date at the top, aligned to the right or left. For emails, you can skip this step since the date is already included.

3. Address the Recipient

- a. Begin with a greeting. Use a formal salutation like "Dear [Recipient's Name]," For example, "Dear Mr. Smith," or "Dear Ms. Johnson."

4. Express Your Gratitude

- a. Start the letter by clearly stating what you're thankful for. Be specific about the reason you're writing. For example:
 - i. "Thank you so much for the scholarship you awarded me. It means a lot to me and my family."

5. Share Your Feelings

- a. Explain how their kindness or support has impacted you. This could be personal feelings or how it will help you in your future. For example:
 - i. "This scholarship will allow me to pursue my dream of studying biology without the burden of financial stress."

6. Mention Future Plans

- a. Briefly share what you plan to do with the opportunity they've provided. This shows you're motivated and serious about your goals. For example:
 - i. "I am excited to start my studies at [University/College Name] this fall and look forward to making the most of this opportunity."

7. Reiterate Your Thanks

- a. End with another expression of gratitude. For instance:
 - i. "Thank you once again for your generous support. I truly appreciate it!"

8. Close the Letter

- a. Use a polite closing, such as "Sincerely," "Best regards," or "With gratitude." Then, leave space for your signature (if it's a physical letter) and type your name below.

9. Proofread

- a. Before sending, take a moment to proofread your letter! Check for spelling and grammar mistakes, and ensure your tone is sincere and professional.

10. Send It Promptly

- a. Try to send your thank you letter within a week of receiving the gift or opportunity. If it's an email, make sure to check that it's sent to the correct address.
- b. See how to address an envelope in the section above.

By following these steps, you'll create a thoughtful thank you letter that reflects your appreciation and professionalism. It's a small gesture that can leave a big impact! Good luck!

Basic Financial Aid Information

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for federal aid in order to receive money for educational expenses. This form is also used to provide information for most state and many college aid programs. Many schools use the FAFSA application in their scholarship process. Students are urged to consider submitting the FAFSA even if they believe they will not qualify for aid. Completing the FAFSA, TASFA, or signing the FAFSA Opt-out form is a high school graduation requirement.

- This is a free process. The website to use is www.studentaid.gov
- Getting your FSA ID (personal identification signature) prior to December 1st will expedite the application process in the fall and spring. www.studentaid.ed.gov
- Remember that parents will need to apply for a FSA ID as well.
- A student should submit the FAFSA as early as possible! The FAFSA is made available on December 1st and should be submitted in the year in which he/she plans to attend college. The information is sent to the school to which he/she is applying.
- After submitting the FAFSA, students will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. They should review it for accuracy and contact the school financial aid office to see if any additional information is needed and what other actions he/she needs to take.
- Once the financial aid office of a school determines a student's financial need, it tries to meet that need with need-based aid (grants, work-study, and subsidized loans). After the student's award is determined, the school will send an award letter.
- Grants generally do not have to be repaid. Some grants may have a GPA requirement.
- The work-study program provides employment, and students are paid from the school they attend.
- Loans provide funds that have to be repaid, generally after the student completes his/her education.

Texas Tuition Exemption Programs

Exemption programs decrease the tuition and/or fees charged to eligible students. Listed here are some of the exemption programs in Texas

- Adopted students formerly in foster care or other residential care
- Blind/deaf students
- Children of deceased or disabled firemen, peace officers, game wardens and employees of correctional facilities
- Educational aide program
- Exemption for highest ranking high school graduate
- Foster care students
- Children of U. S. military who are missing in action or prisoners of war
- Orphans of Texas members of the U. S. Armed Forces or National Guard
- Temporary assistance for needy families

Myths & Facts of Scholarships

The following scenarios cover different questions and concerns students typically have when applying for scholarships.

Myth: You have to make all A's to get a scholarship.

The Real Story: Scholarships are awarded to students with all sorts of talents, interests, and academic records. For example, some are based on financial need or a program of interest.

Myth 2: You need a really long list of extracurricular activities.

The Real Story: Winning scholarships is about quality, not quantity. Most scholarship winners distinguish themselves by the devotion they have demonstrated to a particular activity or activities and the growth in responsibility and achievement in those activities. If you have had to work rather than be in activities, that's OK too. Show the increasing responsibility you have earned in your job.

Myth 3: I can't get that scholarship. Too many people are applying.

The Real Story: Many scholarships are awarded to the ONLY person who applied. Sometimes it goes unused because no one applied, no one applied by the deadline, or the application was not completed correctly.

Facts about Applying for Scholarships

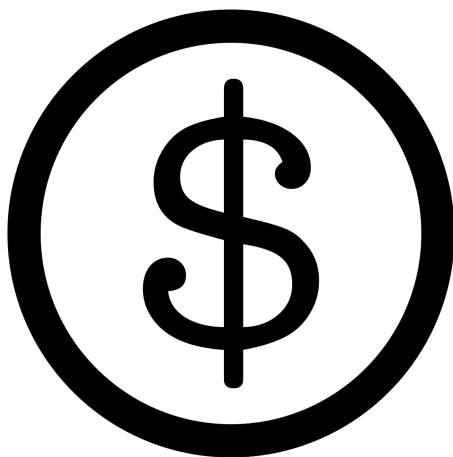
- Request a transcript: See your registrar in the front office or come to the College & Career Center for unofficial transcripts. Make extra copies of your transcript in the career center. Transcripts, GPA's, and class ranks change only at the semester.
- Request letters of recommendation: Ask counselors and teachers to address the letter "To Whom It May Concern." That way you can use it for many applications. You need to request a letter of recommendation at least two weeks before it is needed.
- Proofread your essays: Have an English teacher go over your essay and keep a copy. Often you can just adjust an essay slightly and use it for several applications.
- Create a resume: Some applications require one, and they help people who are writing your letter of recommendation. If you ask someone to write a letter of recommendation for you, be sure to give them a resume.
- Keep a copy of applications you submit: You often need the same information again and again.

- Type essays and applications (when possible) on plain paper.
- Use black ink when writing information on applications.
- Proofread, proofread, and proofread.
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible: Treat the application process as a part time job. Yes, it is time consuming, but this is free money you won't have to pay back. It is time well spent!
- Avoid using unknown abbreviations: National organizations are well known but local or state ones may not be. Use the correct name, i.e.: National Honor Society
- Get organized: Keep scholarship files and a list of deadlines so you won't miss any.

List of Scholarship & Financial Aid Websites

College Board Scholarship Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
US Dept of Education Direct Loans	https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized
Free Application for Federal Student Aid	www.studentaid.gov
FSA ID website	https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
Fast Web	www.fastweb.com
Go College	www.gocollege.com
Hispanic College Fund	www.hispanicfund.org
Scholarship Experts	www.scholarshipexperts.com
Scholarships	www.scholarships.com
Super College	www.supercollege.com
Adventures in Education	www.aie.org
Department of Education	http://www.ed.gov
Apply Texas	https://www.applytexas.org/
Every Chance Every Texan	www.everychanceeverytexan.org

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation	https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/msp/
Careers and Colleges	www.careersandcolleges.com
UNCF	http://uncf.org
Merit-based Scholarships	www.meritaid.com
The Sallie Mae Fund	www.thesalliemaefund.org
High Five Scholarships	http://www.highfivescholarships.com/
Scholarship Points	http://www.scholarshippoints.com/
Cappex	http://www.cappex.com/
Student Scholarships	http://www.studentscholarships.org/
Super College	http://supercollege.com/scholarships/scholarships.cfm
Scholarship 360	https://scholarships360.org/
Campus and Online	http://www.college-scholarships.com/
Red Kite Financial Aid	https://myredkite.com
Unigo	https://unigo.com
Going Merry	www.goingmerry.com



Bastrop Websites for Scholarship Information

There are lots of scholarship opportunities in and outside of our community. They are not all based on academic achievement. Many are based on financial need, career goals, or community service. Here are a few of the resources available to you:

BHS Career Center Website: <https://www.bisdtx.org/domain/1485>

You can access information on local scholarships through the BHS Counseling Office page from the BHS website. All applications can be downloaded here, including the BHS Standard Application. Quite a few organizations have chosen to use this so you will only need to complete this once and make copies. To find out which application organizations are using, refer to the description pages in the second half of this book. The Career Center website has helpful links for scholarship searches, financial aid tips, and college application assistance. This page is updated with the most current scholarship information we receive from colleges and other organizations. The website should be a weekly stopping point for you now.

**** ONE FINAL NOTE ON SCHOLARSHIPS -- If you receive notification that you have been awarded a scholarship from an organization or any college (even if you don't plan on going there), please provide a copy of this information to Ms. Johnson in the BHS Career Center.** Use the Google Form to upload a copy of the information to the Career Center. Outside Scholarship Google Form link: <https://tinyurl.com/2025bhsaward>

We want to recognize your accomplishments at the Senior Awards Night in May so it's important to submit this as soon as you receive it so we can include you. Please notify Ms. Johnson by April 1st, for your scholarships to be announced at Awards Night.

Financial Aid Scams

"Millions of dollars in scholarship money go unclaimed every year!" Be wary when you hear this phrase. Some scholarship money does go unclaimed because few students actually meet the criteria. Other times scholarship search firms want you to pay them to provide what is free in the high school Counseling Office.

Financial aid scams come in many forms. Some are Web-based; some are in the form of seminars with aggressive sales pitches. In most cases, scholarship searchers on a mission to save money on tuition end up losing money instead.

Here are characteristics of a possible scam:

- 1-900 telephone numbers: These calls cost you by the minute.
- An invitation to attend a "free" seminar on financial aid: It is always a good idea to attend information sessions on financial aid. However, companies that run scams

use time pressure to get you to sign up for their services. They have one purpose: to get your money.

- Money-back guarantees or promises: Many students have had a difficult time when they have tried to get companies to make good on their commitments.

The Federal Trade Commission cautions students to look for these telltale lines:

- “The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”
- “You can’t get this information anywhere else.”
- “I just need your credit card number to hold this.”
- “We’ll do all the work.”
- “The scholarship will cost some money.”
- “You’ve been selected by a ‘national foundation’ to receive the scholarship” or “You’re a finalist” in a contest you didn’t enter.

Be careful with information on student financial assistance. **Check with your counselor, the Better Business Bureau, or the National Fraud Information Center prior to paying money for financial aid.**

To file a complaint or for free information call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or visit <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams>.

Remember: You can get the help you need FREE from the College & Career Center and your college financial aid office.

Who’s Who

Wouldn’t it be great to see your name in print? Lots of companies promise to print your name and biographical information. Then they invite you to buy a costly book. They are after your money, and inclusion in Who’s Who does not really look impressive on a resume.



Texas Student Loan Programs

If you're a Texas resident, you might qualify for some great student loan programs provided in the state. Here's a quick overview of both with links to more details.

The Texas B-On-Time Loan Program

The Texas B-On-Time (BOT) Loan Program provides zero-interest loans to resident undergraduate students. Even better, if you graduate on time and with a high enough GPA, you can qualify for loan forgiveness. For more information check your chosen university's financial aid page to see if you qualify.

The Texas College Access Loan Program

Another great Texas program, the Texas College Access Loan (CAL) Program, helps families cover some or all costs when there is a shortfall between the college sticker price and financial aid. In some cases, the loan can even replace what a family is expected to contribute to a student's education. For more information, visit the [Texas CAL Program](#) webpage.

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)

The TASSP is a scholarship program for students who are interested in joining the armed services after college. Several students are appointed for this scholarship by the governor, lieutenant governor, state senators, and each state representative. For more information on the amount that can be awarded and eligibility requirements, visit the [Texas TASSP Program](#) website.

Questions

If you want more information about the Texas state loan programs, contact your college's financial aid office or call the Texas Financial Aid Information Center at [\(888\) 311-8881](#).

KEY WEBSITES FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS

FAFSA
fafsa.gov

College For All Texans
www.collegeforalltexans.com

FSA ID
studentaid.gov

Apply Texas
www.applytexas.org

Local Scholarship Descriptions

A+ Federal Credit Union

The scholarship is open to A+ Federal Credit Union members and their dependents, emphasizing the credit union's commitment to supporting the educational goals of its community. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

- Eligibility:**
- Students who are or become A+FCU members or are the child of a current member
 - Must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university

Deadline: February 7th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: See application

Amount: See application

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

American Legion

The American Legion's scholarships offer financial support to high school students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills, including those involved in youth programs or with ties to military service. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Financial need
 - GPA of 85 or better
 - Plan to attend a community college, university or trade school

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2 for BHS

Amount: \$2,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Aqua Water Supply Corporation

In honor of Ernest W. Bracewell, the Board of Aqua Water Supply Corporation has been offering scholarships since 2012 to support its members and immediate family. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and must be mailed to the organization.

- Eligibility:**
- Must be a member in good-standing of Aqua Water Supply Corporation or an immediate family member of an Aqua WSC member
 - 2.5 GPA at time of application
 - Must be a full-time student by either business/trade/college institution

Deadline: May 15th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$3,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Ascension Bastrop Knights of Columbus

A scholarship for students who are members of the Ascension Catholic Church or Parish. Applications are submitted in the counseling office and are selected via a committee.

- Eligibility:**
- Graduating Senior who is a registered and active member of the Ascension Catholic Church.
 - Must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year college and registered for class.

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ 1000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Ascension Family Altar Society

A scholarship for students who are members of the Ascension Catholic Church or Parish. Applications are submitted in the counseling office and are selected via a committee.

- Eligibility:**
- Graduating Senior who is a registered and active member of the Ascension Catholic Parish, and must attend mass regularly.
 - Must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year college.

Deadline: February 25th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Ascension Knights of Columbus Auxiliary

A scholarship for students who are members of the Ascension Catholic Church or Parish. Applications are submitted in the counseling office and are selected via a committee.

- Eligibility:**
- Graduating Senior who is a registered and active member of the Ascension Catholic Church.
 - Must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year college and registered for class.

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Scholarship offered by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for students who are continuing their education. Aside from an essay on their career. Students must write an essay on 3 topics in the application in order to be eligible for the scholarship. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - 3.5 GPA or Better

Deadline: March 7th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$ 500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Area Go Texan (TBD)

Eligibility: TBD

Deadline: TBD

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Audubon Society Scholarship

This scholarship seeks to foster a new generation of environmental stewards by assisting local high school seniors or college students who plan to pursue higher education in fields related to ecology, environmental science, wildlife management, or related studies. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Must be majoring in a field related to Wildlife or Environmental Conservation (Wildlife Biology, Forestry, Park Ranger, etc.)

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Bar Association

The Bobby Jenkins Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to assisting students who have proven the ability to do college level work, yet may not be able to obtain financial aid through traditional sources. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - N/A

Deadline: February 28th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$2,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Soil & Water Conservation District

This scholarship is available for Bastrop County seniors interested in pursuing a degree in agricultural or conservation related fields at a Texas college or university. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

Eligibility:

- Resident of Bastrop County
- Attending a Texas college/university pursuing a agriculture or conservation related degree

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Texas A&M Club

A scholarship offered for students attending Texas A&M College Station. Students can either turn in applications to the counseling office for the school to mail or students can mail the application themselves.

Eligibility:

- Must be attending Texas A&M College Station Campus.

Deadline: April 1st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop County Texas Exes

This scholarship is offered for students who are members of the Bastrop County Texas Exes Chapter with additional opportunities offered by the Texas Exes organization as a whole. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

Eligibility: - Must be a member of the Bastrop Texas Exes Chapter

Deadline: March 1st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Evening Lions Club

Scholarship application offered by the Bastrop Evening Lions Club. The application looks to highlight community service and involvement. This scholarship uses the BHS Standard with additional add-ons such as an essay and resume.

Eligibility: - Bastrop High School Students

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2 for BHS

Amount: \$ 500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Federation of Teachers

The Bastrop Federation of Teachers Scholarships aims to support seniors pursuing higher education opportunities in education and other fields. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Points awarded for being a child of a current BFT Member
 - Points awarded to students pursuing an education or teaching degree
 - Points awarded for students who correctly complete the application

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Homecoming, Inc.

Bastrop Homecoming, Inc. fulfills its mission to award scholarships through proceeds raised during the Bastrop Homecoming & Rodeo event (festival). The Mike Mathison, David A. Moore II, and Jane Lloyd Sanders Memorial Scholarships are each awarded in memory of committee members who were instrumental in helping make Homecoming a successful event. We select scholarship awards based on volunteerism along with higher learning goals based on agriculture and teaching. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Must be attending a trade school, two-year college, or a four-year college

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 4 for BHS

Amount: \$1,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Juneteenth Committee

The Bastrop Juneteenth Committee aims to support local African American students in Bastrop County as they pursue goals in higher education. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- 3.5 GPA
 - African American
 - Live in Bastrop County
 - Attending college/university/trade/technical school in the US
 - Max household income of \$100k

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Mina Masonic Lodge #1456

The Mina Masonic Lodge #1456 is the local Freemason chapter which aims to support seniors looking to further their education. Freemasons commit to bettering themselves, their community, and the world around them. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Academic achievement
 - Leadership & perseverance
 - Excellent character
 - Financial need
 - Must be in the lower top 10% of their class

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1 male & 1 female

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Pride Scholarship (TBD)

Eligibility: - TBD

Deadline: TBD

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bastrop Senior Center

The Bastrop Senior Center is a local organization that aims to support seniors in pursuing higher education opportunities. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Not ranked first or second in their graduating class

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

BCDP Anne & Marvin Beck Memorial (TBD)

Eligibility: - TBD

Deadline: TBD

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

BHS Class '79 Memorial

The goal of this scholarship is to recognize need, hard work, and unique family situations or hardships that individual applicants have gone through during their formative years. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility:

- Financial Need
- Extracurricular activities including those outside the normal school environment
- Post High School Plans

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2 for BHS

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

BHS Memorial Fund

The **BHS Memorial Scholarship** is a tribute to the lives of staff, community members established to honor their memory. This scholarship aims to support students who are committed to continuing their education beyond high school. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Senior with documented intention of pursuing an education beyond high school
 - Documented long term follow through and dedication to an activity, a job, or a personal endeavor
 - Actual contributions made for the betterment of the school and/or community
 - Academic achievement
 - Financial need

Deadline: February 20, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Blue Flame Cruisers

The Blue Flame Cruisers Scholarship aims to support students with a strong interest in the automotive industry and are committed to pursuing a career in this field. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Must plan to enroll in a technical or trade school program that focuses on automotive repair, maintenance, technology, or related areas
 - Preference will be given to students who demonstrate hands-on work and desire to improve skills

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Government in Action Tour

In 2025, students residing in Bluebonnet's service area, will have the opportunity to apply to participate in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The selected students will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The application is available online and will be submitted there as well.

Eligibility:

- Junior or Senior in High School
- Reside in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and whose primary residence is within the outer boundaries of Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within those outer boundaries)
- Participate in the tour to Washington, D.C., June 16-23, 2025

Deadline: January 17th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$1,000

Application Status Tracker:

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Will apply

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Submitted

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Received

Notes:

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc - Academic Excellence

This scholarship supports students who live in the Bluebonnet Electric service area in Bastrop County that have outstanding academic performance. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

Eligibility:

- Must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at a university, college, community college or junior college
- Reside in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and whose primary residence is within the outer boundaries of Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within those outer boundaries)
- Senior graduating in the 2024-2025 school year
- Must submit a copy of transcripts

Deadline: March 7th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ 2,500

Application Status Tracker:

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Will apply

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Submitted

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Received

Notes:

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc

This scholarship supports students who live in the Bluebonnet Electric service area in Bastrop County that are pursuing trade school or an associate's degree. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

- Eligibility:**
- Must be pursuing a trade or technical certificate or associate's degree
 - Reside in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and whose primary residence is within the outer boundaries of Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within those outer boundaries)
 - Senior graduating in the 2024-2025 school year
 - Must submit a copy of transcripts

Deadline: March 7th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ 2,500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Caitlyn Cares

Caitlyn Cares is a scholarship that aims to support graduating seniors that are seeking a higher education degree that have financial need. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Financial Need

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Christian Harman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Christian Harman who was a Bastrop High School graduate that passed away while attending college. The goal is to support fellow Bastrop students as they pursue their goals in higher education. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Must have a 2.5 GPA or above

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Christina Lane Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is to honor the memory of a former Bastrop athlete who graduated in 2001. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Bastrop High School Female Athlete

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2

Amount: \$1,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Daughters of the American Revolution

This organization honors families that are able to trace their generations back to ancestors that participated in the American Revolution. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

- Eligibility:**
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States
 - Must plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States

Deadline: January 31st, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (Hawaii Time)

Available Scholarship Offers: Various **Amount:** \$ Various

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Fannie Bowzer & Gomillion Byars

This scholarship is in memory of two people who believed in educating youth and lifting them up to glorify the Lord. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Be a graduating high school senior at date of application and plan to enroll in U. S. college or university full-time in the Fall of 2025
 - Be an African American
 - Be a resident of one of the following counties in the Greater Austin area (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson)
 - Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or B average
 - Seeking an undergraduate degree in Education, Theology, or a Minor in Religion

Deadline: February 20th, 2025
(or students responsible for mailing directly to the organization after this date)

Available Scholarship Offers: 1 **Amount:** \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Father Bernard C. Goertz

This scholarship honors Father Bernard C. Goertz's contributions to local parishes as a priest and Army Chaplain. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Open to all students
 - Academic Achievement
 - Leadership
 - Financial Need

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Fred Wright Jr. Memorial

This scholarship honors Fred Wright Jr. and his contributions to the local community by assisting seniors pursuing higher education in need of financial assistance. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Financial Need
 - College appropriate grades
 - Minorities are encouraged to apply

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Friends of the Bastrop Public Library

This non-profit advocates for and supports the public library in our community. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and must be mailed to the organization.

Eligibility: - Volunteer work at the Bastrop Public Library

Deadline: March 1st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - Area Go Texan Scholarship (TBD)

Eligibility: - TBD

Deadline: TBD

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Jack of Hearts

This scholarship supports students who plan to enter the trade and technical field and pursue a craft or trade to build a prosperous fulfilling life. Use the BHS Standard Application and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Graduating senior attending trade school

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 20

Amount: \$1,000

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Kacey James Hendrix Memorial

This scholarship honors Kacey James Hendrix who passed away in May 2011, in a tragic drowning accident on Padre Island. Kacey left behind family and friends who now seek to support local seniors pursuing their goals in higher education. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior from BHS or CCHS
- Accepted to college, university, or trade/technical school
- Community-minded
- Good character
- Leadership skills

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2 for BHS

Amount: \$750

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Ladies of Charity

This scholarship is sponsored by the Ladies of Charity Thrift Shop to support local seniors going to college/university or trade/technical school in need of financial assistance. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Graduating senior in the 2024-2025 school year
 - Must be planning to attend college, university, or trade/technical school
 - Must be a member of the Ladies of Charity Bastrop or a child/grandchild of a living or deceased member

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Martin Luther King, Jr.

This scholarship honors Martin Luther King Jr.'s commitment to change and service in this life. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Financial need
 - Motivation and desire for higher education
 - Academic achievement
 - Leadership activities that exemplify the ideals of Dr. King

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Maynard - Betty J. Maynard

This scholarship honors Betty J. Maynard and her dedication to the local community through various organizations like Order of the Eastern Star and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Teaching Degree
 - Family income below \$75,000
 - Proof of enrollment to receive scholarship

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Maynard - Elsie H. Maynard Memorial - First United Methodist Church

This scholarship honors Elsie H. Maynard's contributions to the local community in Bastrop through her work with the United Methodist Church. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office

- Eligibility:**
- Must be an active member of First United Methodist Church of Bastrop
 - Family income below \$75,000
 - Proof of enrollment to receive scholarship

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Maynard - W. E. & Elsie Heard Maynard Memorial

This scholarship honors W.E Maynard and Elsie Heard Maynards and their contributions to the local community in Bastrop during their lives. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Family income below \$75,000
 - Proof of enrollment to receive scholarship

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Molly Tomlin Beck Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Molly Tomlin Beck and her contributions to the local Bastrop area through nursing, art projects, and outreach programs. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Must be a high school graduate or i their final year of high school
 - Demonstrate engagement in art activities such as school art programs, local art organizations, community art events, etc.
 - Must intend to pursue an occupation in visual arts, graphic design, illustration, or a closely related field
 - Must be enrolled in a two-year, four-year, or trade/technical school program
 - Must submit a portfolio containing 3 to 5 original pieces that showcase their skills in drawing and/or painting. Pieces may include various mediums (ex. pencil, ink, watercolor, acrylic, etc.) and should reflect the applicant's range and styles.
 - Essay topic (500 word max): Detail your passion for art and why you want to pursue a job in this field.

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 2

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Order of Eastern Star Bastrop Chapter #64

Application provided by the Order of Eastern Star Bastrop Chapter. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Must provide an essay outlining the following
 - Future Goals
 - Field of Study
 - How Community Service Impacts your decisions
 - How you intend to help your community with your degree

Deadline: March 27th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ 500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Paige Lions Club

This application is from the Paige Lions Club. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Applicants must live in the 78659 zip code

Deadline: March 31st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Rotary Club of Bastrop County

This application is from the local Rotary Club of Bastrop County. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and must be mailed to the organization. Use the BHS Standard and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Must plan on pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university, or trade/technical school

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$500

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

St. David's Foundation Neal Kocurek Scholarship

A healthcare scholarship created in honor of the St. Davids Foundation late President and CEO Dr. Neal Kocurek.

Eligibility: - High School Seniors in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson County
- Must be interested in Pursuing Healthcare and working in a medical environment
- Must be attending a college in the state of Texas

Deadline: January 3rd, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

Texas Student Housing

A scholarship provided by the Texas Housing Authority. It is for students attending colleges in Denton, or College Station that have not signed off campus housing leases. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

- Eligibility:**
- Available to all graduates of Texas Schools
 - Must have at least a 3.0 GPA
 - Must be attending college in College Station or Denton

Deadline: January 31st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

The Adrianna Bebecca Sepeda Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship dedicated to the memory of Adrianna Bebecca who passed away in 2021. Use the BHS Standard with additional essay paper and submit it to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - N/A

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: TBD

Amount: \$ TBD

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

The Sons of the Republic of Texas

This scholarship celebrates families that have lived in Texas with generations tracing back to the time of the Republic of Texas. This is a history essay contest with the topic for this year being “Stephen F. Austin - The Father of Texas”. The application is available online which is where you will also submit it.

Eligibility: - Must be a graduating senior

Deadline: January 31st, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: See application

Amount: See application

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

UDC Doris Birden Turner

This scholarship honors Doris Birden Turner and her contributions to the United Daughters of the Confederacy as a former leader. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and will be submitted to the counseling office.

Eligibility: - Top 10% of the graduating class
- Plan to enroll in a 4-year college/university
- Financial need

Deadline: February 20th, 2025

Available Scholarship Offers: 1

Amount: \$300

Application Status Tracker: ☐ Will apply ☐ Submitted ☐ Received

Notes:

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