



2021 Scholarship Application Community

Austin Bank has provided financial services to East Texas since 1900. In keeping with their tradition of community service and a commitment to education, Austin Bank established an educational scholarship to assist high school graduates in continuing their education at a university, college, trade or vocational school. Twenty-nine scholarships will be awarded, with nine in the amount of \$2,500 and 20 for \$500.

The Austin Bank scholarship funds are for one year only and are not renewable.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must be a graduating Senior of one of the following high schools to be eligible for the Austin Bank Community scholarship:

All Saints Episcopal School	Big Sandy High School	Bishop T.K. Gorman	Brook Hill School	Bullard High School	Central Heights High School
Chapel Hill High School	Christian Heritage School of Longview	Cleveland High School	Cumberland Academy	Early College High School – TISD	Frankston High School
Garrison High School	Gilmer High School	Gladewater High School	Good Shepherd School	Grace Community High School	Grand Saline High School
Harmony High School	Hudson High School	Jacksonville High School	Kilgore High School	La Poynor High School	Lindale High School
Longview Christian Academy	Longview Christian School	Longview High School	Lufkin High School	Marshall High School	Nacogdoches High School
Neches High School	Palestine High School	Pine Tree High School	Rains High School	Rusk High School	Sabine High School
Spring Hill High School	Tarkington High School	Timpson High School	Trinity School of Texas	Troup High School	Tyler Classical Academy
Tyler High School	Tyler Legacy High School	Union Grove High School	Union Hill High School	Van High School	Westwood High School
Whitehouse High School					

- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale (or equivalent) to be eligible.
- Application form must be completed in its entirety.
- All applications **must be postmarked** by Friday, February 26, 2021 or delivered in person to the Whitehouse Austin Bank location by the end of business day (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, February 26, 2021 to be included in judging.

Selection Process

- The Scholarship Committee of Austin Bank will evaluate all applications received that meet the above criteria.
- Scholarship, leadership, community involvement and character are criteria by which applicants will be judged.
- Scholarship winners will be announced at each participating school’s awards program.

Scholarship Payment

- Scholarship funds will be released directly to the educational institution.
- Winners must supply proof of enrollment for Fall 2021 semester as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours.
- \$500 winners must apply their funds to the Fall 2021 semester. Funds are not available to be carried over.
- \$2,500 winners will receive two payments of \$1,250 each – one payment to be made in Fall 2021, one for Spring 2022.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 26, 2021 *(Applications must be postmarked by this date. Items received with insufficient postage will be returned to sender.)*

Please complete all information below. If any information requested does not apply to you, please indicate with "N/A."

TYPE or PRINT all information. **** DO NOT USE STAPLES OR PAPER CLIPS IN YOUR APPLICATION SUBMISSION. DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION – MAIL FLAT.****

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Under which degree program will you be graduating? Foundation Foundation + Endorsement Distinguished Level of Achievement Other

Will you be graduating with any college hours earned? Yes No If yes, how many? _____

*(To receive credit for college hours, you **must** attach a transcript showing hours earned – it does not have to be an official transcript; it may be a print out from your student portal.)*

List any high school honors, activities, clubs and/or leadership positions: *(You may attach additional pages if needed.)*

NON-SCHOOL RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list and describe other activities, clubs, volunteer groups, church, employment, etc. that are non-school related. *(You may attach additional pages if needed.)*

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Institution in which enrollment is desired: _____

City and State of School: _____

Estimated Tuition/Fees per semester: _____

Course of Study: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Why did you select this course of study? (You may attach additional pages if needed.)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Name of current or last employer: _____

Position: _____

Will you work while attending college? Yes No

By signing this document, I hereby submit my application to Austin Bank for a scholarship. I certify that the above information is correct.

Student Signature

Date

In order for your application to be considered for judging, you **MUST** include the following with your signed application:

- Official high school transcript
- College transcript (if graduating with college hours – does not have to be an official transcript; may be a print out from your student portal)
- Two page, typed essay telling us about you, your future plans & how this scholarship will help you (may be single or double-spaced; do not staple or paper clip)
- Three character reference letters **** do not place in individual envelopes and do not staple or paper clip**
 - Include one current or past teacher and two from community members (neighbor, pastor, employer, civic club leader, etc.)
- Resume' (this item is optional)

IMPORTANT * DO NOT STAPLE OR PAPER CLIP YOUR DOCUMENTS *** MAIL FLAT – DO NOT FOLD *****

Mail your completed scholarship application with all requested items to:

AUSTIN BANK
ATTN: MAEBETH COTTON
P.O. BOX 438
WHITEHOUSE, TX 75791

All applications must be postmarked by **2/26/2021**.

Questions may be directed to:

scholarships@austinbank.com
903-871-2518

❖ Applications may be hand-delivered to the Whitehouse location only. If delivered, they must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

For Bank Use Only:

Date application received:

Essay included:

3 character reference letters received:

Transcript(s) received: