



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

Alumni & Friends

Challenge Scholarship

DEADLINE MAY 1. (Or, the first school day following a May 1 non-school day.)

THE PROGRAM

The Westside High School alumni have established an annual fund scholarships to help finance education for WHS graduating seniors. The program is independently managed by the Westside High School Scholarship Committee, a school-based educational support team consisting of WHS faculty and directed by the College Counselor. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Endowment scholarships will be awarded to up to two graduating seniors. Applicants must:

- Have demonstrated ability to overcome challenges in their pursuit to graduation from high school;
- Be a graduating high school senior in good standing;
- Have a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Be enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a full or part-time course of study at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university, or another accredited institution of post-secondary skill training.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards are \$ 500.00 each. Up to two (2) scholarships will be awarded this year.

APPLICATION

Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. All information submitted is confidential and will be reviewed by WHS Scholarship Committee personnel only. Students must:

- “Challenges I Have Overcome to Graduate from High School” may be shown in an essay (up to 250 words) or in a format including visuals (with up to 150 words). Visual formats can include: posters (up to 22” x 28”), scrapbooks/brochures (up to 4 pages 10”x10”/8.5”x11”), Power Point (6 slides), or video (45-90 seconds).
- Prepare a list of activities you have participated in and/or hours spent working or volunteering. Activities may include participation in WHS sports, clubs, etc., community service and paid employment.
- Submit essay, along with two (2) completed adult recommendations (MUST use attached forms).
 - Recommendations may be written by WHS teachers, coaches, club sponsors, administrators or staff or an employer.
 - Applicants must provide an envelope to each person writing a recommendation.

**Submit completed applications to Ms. Alaina Turner in Room A205
no later than May 1 at 4:15 pm.**



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RECIPIENT SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their personal essay, activities, participation in school activities, and adult recommendations.

Scholarships awarded will be based on WHS Scholarship Committee selection procedures and available funds. Not all applicants will receive awards.

Selection of recipients will be made by the WHS Scholarship Committee. In no instance will any member or officer of WHS PTO or Alumni Association participate in the selection. All applicants will be notified of their status on or before Senior Awards Night.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Scholarship payments will be authorized by the WHS Scholarship Committee and processed by the PTO Treasurer. . Checks will be made payable directly to the university, college, or post-secondary training institute provided by **scholarship recipient with form due to WHS PTO Treasurer by June 1.**

OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship recipients must enroll in their education programs no later than twelve (12) months after their awards are given. Recipients are required to notify the PTO Treasurer of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other pertinent information.

REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarships are made are subject to periodic review by the WHS Alumni Challenge Scholarship, including termination of the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the Westside High School Alumni Challenge Scholarship, or to download a copy of the scholarship application, please go to *Naviance* or to the [PTO link on the school website](#).

OR

Contact Ms. Alaina Turner
Westside High School College Center
14201 Briar Forest Drive, Room A205
Houston, Texas 77077
713-556-5257
aturner1@houstonisd.org



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Student Scholarship Application Form

DEADLINE MAY 1. (Or, the first school day following a May 1 non-school day.)

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Dean's Name: _____ Small School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Submit this application to Ms. Turner in the College Center, Room A205 by May 1 4:15 pm. Be sure to include the following:

- this cover sheet
- list of WHS activities, employment and/or community service
- your 250-word essay or visual demonstration with electronic files emailed to aturner1@houstonisd.org
- two (2) adult recommendations (*teachers will submit these directly*)

Adult's name: _____

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Students: Please be sure to give each adult enough time to complete recommendation and provide each adult with an envelope addressed to Ms. Turner.



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Adult Recommendation Form

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Student's Name: _____

*** Students – provide adult with an envelope to submit form. ***

Recommending Adult's Name: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

What is your relationship to this student? (teacher, employer, volunteer activity supervisor)

In what capacity have you worked with this student?

How has this student demonstrated his/her ability to overcome challenges to make it to graduation?

Additional Comments:

Teachers, please submit recommendation in the envelope provided to:

Ms. Turner in Room A205 or in the box in the main office.

All others, please mail the recommendation form to:

Ms. Alaina Turner, Westside High School, 14280 Briar Forest Dr., Houston, TX 77077

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