



November 1, 2018

RE: 2019 Austin Bank Scholarship Program

David McKain
Gladewater High School
2201 W. Gay Ave.
Gladewater, TX 75647

Dear Mr. McKain:

Each year the Austin Bank Scholarship Program awards educational scholarships to high school students to assist them with their college expenses. We invite the seniors of your high school to apply. Austin Bank will award 27 educational scholarships for tuition and books in 2019.

Nine scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

- \$2,500 for one year with \$1,250 distributed each semester

Eighteen scholarships will be awarded in the following amount:

- \$500 for one year distributed for the Fall 2018 semester of college

To apply for the scholarship, the student must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- High school senior
- 2.5 GPA or greater
- Complete the application
- Acquire 3-character reference letters (do not place in separate envelopes)
 - 1 from a current or past teacher
 - 2 from the community (neighbor, pastor, civic leader, organization leader, employer, etc.)
- Provide essay, no more than two typed pages, single or double spaced. The essay should discuss their educational plans and why they feel they need or should be awarded this scholarship.
- Provide official high school transcript
- Meet the submission deadline of **March 1, 2019**
 - All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to our Whitehouse office by this date.
 - Applications received with insufficient postage will be returned to sender.

Please distribute the enclosed applications to interested seniors. Should you need additional copies, please feel free to make the appropriate copies or print additional applications from the digital file I will send via email.

We look forward to receiving educational scholarship applications from students at your school.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 903-871-2518 or scholarships@austinbank.com.

Sincerely,

Maebeth Cotton
Marketing Officer/Financial Literacy Officer
/enclosures

100 Horton Whitehouse, TX 75791
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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-seven scholarships will be awarded, with nine in the amount of \$2,500 and 18 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	Early College High School - TISD	East Texas Christian Academy	East Texas Christian School	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	Jacksonville High School	John Tyler High School	Kilgore High School	LaPoynor 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	Robert E. Lee High School	Rusk High School
Spring Hill High School	Timpson High School	Trinity School of Texas	Troup 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, March 1, 2019 **or delivered in person** to the Whitehouse Austin Bank location by the end of business day (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, March 1, 2019 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 2019 semester as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours.
- \$500 winners must apply their funds to the Fall 2019 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 2019, one for Spring 2020.



**2019 Scholarship Application
Community**

APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 1, 2019 *(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.**

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? _____
(Attach a transcript showing college hours earned.)

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)
- Two page, typed essay telling us about you, your future plans and how this scholarship will help you (may be single or double-spaced)
- Three character reference letters **** do not place in individual envelopes**
 - Include one current or past teacher and two from community members (neighbor, pastor, employer, civic club leader, etc.)
- Resume' (this item is optional)

*** DO NOT STAPLE YOUR DOCUMENTS ***

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 3/1/2019.

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, March 1, 2019.

For Bank Use Only:

Date application received:

Essay included:

3 character reference letters received:

Transcript(s) received: