

Southwest Trail Riders Association

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Southwest Trail Riders Association (SWTRA) is proud to award scholarship to eligible students who are members of the **SWTRA**. This is a unique opportunity to emphasize what the **SWTRA** is all about. It is also a way of giving back to the community that supports us. Additionally, this scholarship allows us the opportunity to live up to our goal of “Supporting Youth and Education”.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications are furnished by Education Committee of **SWTRA** and may be picked up by members of the association or online at www.southwesttrailridersassoc.org.

Applications should be **printed** or **typewritten**, be completed in full and be accompanied by the required documentation. Three letters of recommendations **must** accompany the letter. These letters should be written by responsible members of the community (i.e., teachers, ministers, mentors, high school counselors or principal.) The applicant should seek to acquire at-least one letter from each category. Each application **must** also be accompanied by an **essay** of not less than **250** words expressing how the applicant plan to use the scholarship proceeds, a statement of the applicant’s career goals and how the community would benefit from the applicant acquiring a college education. **Completed applications must be delivered to Southwest Trail Riders Association: Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 301069, Houston, Texas 77230-1069. Applications delivered must be received by the May 1, deadline date; if mailed, post marked not later than May 1, 2023.**

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, an application must meet the criteria of citizenship, residence, academic standing, recommendation form his/her high school counselor and other community leaders, demonstration of leadership, character, and financial need.

Citizenship: Application must be a citizen of the United States or born in the United States and be a resident of the State of Texas. If place of birth is other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished with the application.

Residency: The application must be a graduating senior or have been a qualified mid-term (January) graduate of one of the accredited public schools in the eligible counties.

Academic Standing: The applicant must have earned a **grade point average of 2.4 on a 4-point scale** at the completion his /her first semester of the senior year or at the time of the applicant's mid-term graduation. This GP A is to be verified as part of the official transcript or by an accompanying certification from the appropriate school official.

Graduation: The applicant must graduate at the end of the Spring semester immediately following the awarding of the scholarship or have been a mid-term graduate at the conclusion of the semester immediately preceding the awarding of the scholarship.

College Entrance Examination: No application will be accepted without SAT or ACT and STAAR scores. The applicant must have taken either examination as well as **STAAR** and furnish proof of test scores. These scores must be indicated on the application and verified either on the applicant's transcript or with a separate record of the scores attached to the application. The information should reflect the date the test was taken.

Collegiate Acceptance/Enrollment: The applicant must enroll in the **first** fall term following the awarding of the scholarship. If the applicant fails to enroll, the scholarship may be forfeited. If available at the time of submitting the application, a copy of the acceptance letter from the college should be attached. Applicant must indicate choice of major and career planned.

Activities: Leadership potential and character of the applicant should be demonstrated through an applicant's responses to the categories on the application detailing school, extracurricular and community activities and achievements. Personal references should provide additional information as well.

Essay: Each applicant must provide a typed written essay of not less than **250** words doubled spaced. In this essay, the applicant should provide any information, which he/she feels is pertinent to the applicant receiving proper consideration. Applicant's name address and high school must be typed on the heading to the essay in the upper right-hand corner of page one.

References: Reference letters may be typed or handwritten, however, must be legible. Each letter must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person providing the reference. The reference letters must be attached to the application.

NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified individually by **SWTRA**. Letters will be mailed to the recipient with copies forwarded to the school Principal and counselor. Notification of awards will be made prior to the end of the spring semester in which the scholarship is to be awarded.

PAYMENT OF AWARD

It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to notify the **SWTRA** by **July 13, 2023**, of the name and address of the college/university, which the recipient will be attending in the fall semester. Payment of the scholarship will be made to the college/university in the name of the recipient. One half of the scholarship will be payable for the fall semester with the remaining balance for the spring semesters. Students not attending either semester must contact a **SWTRA** representative.

SOUTHWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type all information)

Scholarship eligibility requires that applicants be a graduate of an accredited high school in Harris or an adjacent county.

Date _____ County _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name _____

Male or Female

First

Middle

Last

circle one

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ / _____

area code

number

Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Check if Applicable.

I live at home with both parents.

I live in a single parent household with my _____

Other; (please explain if you live with a legal guardian, grandparent or have other arrangements) _____

Number of persons living in the household. (include yourself) _____

Number of persons living in the household attending college at- least halftime _____

Father's/Guardian's Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ / _____
area code

College Attended _____ Years _____ Degree: **YES or NO**

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ / _____
area code

College Attended _____ Years _____ Degree: **YES or NO**

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Name of High School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____ / _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Number in your graduation class _____ Your Rank _____

List your Grade point average for four years _____ Grading Scale _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PLANS:

Please list the college (s) you plan to attend _____

Have you applied for admission? **YES or NO** Have you been accepted? **YES, or NO?**

What is your **SAT** score? _____ **ACT** score? _____ Date taken _____

What is your **STAAR** score? _____ Date taken _____ What is your intended major field of study? _____

ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS

In the space provided below, please list any offices held or awards/honors received in high school. If you received an award more than once, please indicate years received.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

COMMUNITY, CHURCH, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

In the space provided below, please list your involvement with groups indicated above. Be certain to include any offices held and include the years if you held any office more than once.

1. _____
2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list the names addresses of three persons from whom you have attached recommendations with your application. Letters **must** indicate name and daytime phone number of person submitting recommendation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Are you a member of the Southwest Trail Riders Association?

Yes, or No?

If no, are you related to a member of the Southwest Trail Riders Association? (Please give wagon name, number and relative's name, if not a member.

