

Greater Houston Community Foundation Scholarships



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What is a community foundation?

First created in 1914 by a banker at Cleveland Trust Company inspired to create a “community chest” that could help generous residents make sure their philanthropic dollars did good in the community.

Today there are 900+ active community foundations across the US representing philanthropic assets of more than \$140 billion.

But what do you do?

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities that partner with individuals, businesses and foundations to receive charitable donations, manage philanthropic assets and make grants through a variety of diverse platforms including donor advised funds and scholarship funds.

In addition to grantmaking, community foundations support their communities in many other ways. For example, GHCF provides leadership in addressing critical community needs such as disaster relief and recovery efforts and initiatives like *Understanding Houston*, a comprehensive regional indicators project that enables data-informed decision-making.

Purpose Statement

**We inspire and create meaningful
and positive change with our
donors and for our community.**



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We are One Community.

845 Scholarships Totaling \$4,621,258



2023-24 Scholarships Given by GHCF Donors

Scholarships based on Major

- **Nancy D. Palm Scholarship** – benefiting college students in Texas majoring in elementary education
- **Patrick J. Kiley/Houston AGC Scholarship** – benefiting employees or dependents of employees of an AGC Houston member firm or an AGC Student Chapter member
- **Texas Retailers Education Foundation Scholarship** – benefiting students pursuing retail management degrees



General Scholarships

- **AD Osherman Scholarship** – benefiting first generation college students in Texas
- **John Buller Scholarship** – benefiting college students in Texas who have cystic fibrosis
- **Strong Family Scholarship** – benefiting graduating high school seniors from charter schools in Houston

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Currently:

- Be a graduating senior from Spring ISD, Klein ISD, or Houston ISD
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Other Requirements:

- Must plan to pursue a STEM major
 - Preference for math, statistics, physics, and computer science

Award Amount:

- \$3,141.59



Texas Educational Foundation Scholarship

Requirements:

- Be a resident of the state of Texas
- Plan to enroll in a vocational education or technical training program in the greater Houston area

Award amount:

- Up to \$5,000



Application Tips

- Use a personal email address, not a parent's email or school email
- Start your application sooner rather than later
- Transcripts MUST be uploaded
- Recommendation forms submitted through website
- Only COMPLETE and SUBMITTED applications will be reviewed
- If helpful, utilize the translation feature on the GHCF Scholar site

Sections of the Applications:

Demographic information

Contact Information & Demographics

Name

First

Middle Initial

Last

Contact Information

Address 1

Address 2


Transcript

Task instructions

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Please upload a copy of your most recent academic transcript (unofficial is acceptable). **The transcript MUST show your name, your educational institution's name, along with your cumulative GPA. Transcripts that do not show all of those items will be considered incomplete and will void your eligibility.**

As a reminder, only incoming freshmen are required to provide a high school transcript. All others must provide their college transcript.



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Minimum: 1 | Maximum: 10

MARK AS COMPLETE

Sections of the Applications:

Recommendation Form

Section I: Personal Attributes

In comparison to the applicants' peers (or other young people of similar age), how would you rate the applicant's following personal attributes:

	Below average	Average	Above average	Don't know
Leadership skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emotional Maturity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Critical thinking ability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to effectively communicate with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dependability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section II: Educational Abilities

Please share your thoughts regarding the applicant's educational propensity and ability:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
The applicant is adequately prepared to succeed in a higher education setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section III: Open Testimony

What additional information should we know about the applicant? Why are you recommending the applicant for a scholarship?



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Sections of the Applications:

Resume

Volunteerism & Community Service - all unpaid activities not required for school credit

	Insert activities below	Length of Participation	When you most recently participated
1.	<input type="text"/>	--- ▼	--- ▼
2.	<input type="text"/>	--- ▼	--- ▼
3.	<input type="text"/>	--- ▼	--- ▼
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5.	<input type="text"/>	--- ▼	--- ▼

School activities - all extracurricular activities, committees and clubs hosted by the school

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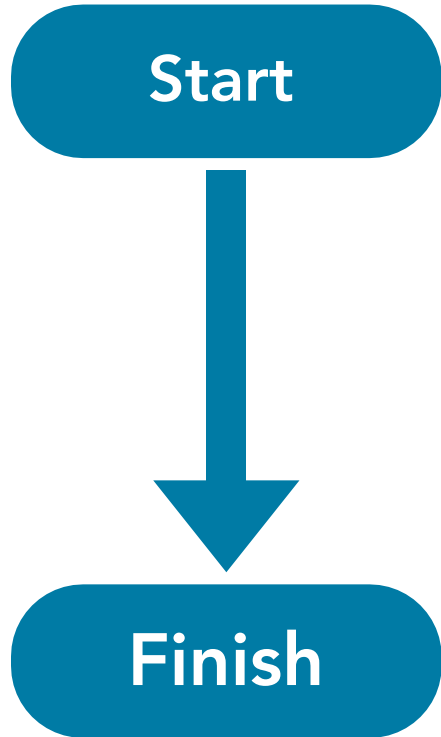
Employment - paid work experience and/or paid or unpaid internships

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Family Responsibilities

Please list any family responsibilities that you may perform, such as taking care of a family member, raising children, babysitting, and more.

Timeline



February 1 – New and renewal applications open

April 1 – Applications close

April – Applications reviewed

May – Award notifications begin

July 15 – Last day to accept award

Check out our scholarship application site:

www.ghcfscholar.org



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Questions?

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