

Bear Branch Elementary PTA High School Senior Scholarship Application

The Bear Branch Elementary PTA provides funding each academic year for scholarships for two graduating high school seniors who attended Bear Branch Elementary and will graduate from an Humble ISD high school. The amount of the first place scholarship is \$1,000 and \$500 for second place.

PURPOSE

To support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education and who have been involved in community service. In evaluating each application, the Scholarship Committee will also consider participation in school activities and scholastic merit.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a high school in Humble ISD.
- Applicant must have attended Bear Branch Elementary for any amount of time.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent (letter of verification required).
- Applicant or applicant's parent/guardian must be a member of a local PTA/PTSA in good standing (signature from current PTA/PTSA president or membership chair verifying membership).
- Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university, or technical institute.
- Applicant must not be in the immediate family of a BBE Scholarship Committee member.
- Completed application and required paperwork must be delivered to Bear Branch Elementary School, 3500 Garden Lake Drive, Kingwood, Texas 77339 **by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.**
- Applicant **must send the Scholarship Committee Chair an email** that their application has been submitted (Tammy Spijkerman, volunteers@bbepta.com).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for this scholarship, the application must be accompanied by the following:

- **Essay:** A typewritten, double-spaced 250-300 word essay describing how a PTA event or program inspired you or directed you toward a character trait that evolved in you, volunteer opportunities that you were involved in, or your chosen career path. Some BBE PTA events include Red Ribbon Week, Fall Fest, Art Masterpiece, Reflections, Bike Rodeo, Beautification, Everybody Counts, Memory Book Club, Science Lab, or Veteran's Day. See the rubric for how the committee will score the essay.
- **Activities:** List at least three extracurricular activities during your high school years that you are most proud of, with a brief description of why you selected each. These activities may include, but are not limited to, work experience, awards, community involvement, and special honors/recognitions.
- **Letter of recommendation** from a teacher, counselor, or principal from your current high school.
- **Photo:** A recent photo no larger than 2.5" x 3" glued, not stapled, to the application.

SELECTION AND APPLICATION

The BBE PTA Scholarship Committee will review applications, and the recipient will be notified and honored at the BBE Senior Celebration for the Class of 2018 graduates.

The scholarship will be awarded to the individual, with payments made directly to the educational institution. The applicant chosen to receive the scholarship award must submit a copy of their letter of acceptance from the educational institution, along with the institution's business address, to the Scholarship Committee. Upon receipt, a check made payable to the institution will be sent to the student. All entries submitted will become the property of the BBE PTA and will not be returned. Contact Tammy Spijkerman, volunteers@bbepta.com with questions.

Rubric for Scoring the Essay

60 total points awarded	60-50 points	50-40 points	40-30 points	<30 points
Use of language, grammar, and spelling; typographical errors	No errors in the use of language, grammar, and spelling; no typographical errors	1-3 errors in the use of language, grammar, and spelling or typographical errors	4-5 errors in the use of language, grammar, and spelling or typographical errors	More than 6 errors
Writing style, creativity, and voice	Strong creative style and convincing voice; topic is clear	Creative style takes the reader some time to understand; voice is clear; topic is introduced	Lacking in either style, voice, or topic	Lacking in two or more areas of style, voice, or topic
Content	Topic is to the point and precise; clearly connected; multiple examples are used; smooth transitions	Topic is clear; limited connections; some examples; transitions are infrequent	The reader needs to search for topic, connection, or examples; lacking in transitions	Lacking in topic, connection, or example; no transitions
Word Count	250-300 automatically gets maximum points			Zero points for anything less than 250 or above 300
Double Spaced	Maximum points			Zero points if single spaced or triple spaced

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Extracurricular Activities - at least 3

Include leadership roles, awards, work experience, community involvement, special honors/recognitions, etc. and a brief description of why you selected each. Also indicate in which grade(s) you participated.

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Extracurricular Activities Continued

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