

Lasara High School January Scholarship Bulletin

Scholarship Application Directions Applying for scholarships is the responsibility of the students (i.e. meeting deadlines, completing required paperwork, requesting transcripts, etc.)

Application: The Lasara Bulletin is updated monthly to provide students with the criteria and online application links. Some applications are available only at the Counselor's Office, check with Mrs. McInnis or Ms. Gomez. Students may pick up a bulletin or a scholarship application before/after school or during lunch. Many College and University scholarships are available on the www.applytexas.org web site.

Deadlines: Strictly adhered to by the scholarship committees.

Transcript (LHS): Scholarships which require a transcript must be requested from the PIEMS's or Counselor's office at least two (2) days prior to the deadline. It is the responsibility of the student to request your official transcript (your grades from LHS). Late requests may not be processed in time.

- Essays: The essay(s); Run a spell check, check for grammatical errors, and have someone proofread it.
- Letters of Recommendation: It is the student's responsibility to ask teachers, counselors, administrators, and/or people in the community for a recommendation letter. Give your references no less than 5 days to write a quality letter. Provide information to your recommender listing your accomplishments.
- Resume: For help with creating a resume, please visit the counselor's office
- Scholarships applications, which are to be submitted to Mrs. McInnis or Ms. Gomez in the counselor's office must be received by due date.
- Deadlines are noted as either "postmarked" or received by dates. Students are responsible for mailing application by required deadlines unless otherwise noted in the instructions.
- Keep all the documents together to be mailed or submitted. In a large yellow envelope, place the application, official transcript, essay(s), resume, and letters of recommendation. Remember, each scholarship has its own requirements; late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

January Scholarship Listing

Scholarships listed in order of deadlines

Directions: Place the cursor over the scholarship website or title of the scholarship. Left double click on the mouse. A pop up box will appear. Double click on the word "allow."

January Deadlines Gates Millennium Scholars Program (opened on August 1st)

• Deadline: January

· Criteria: o Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria o Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American o Is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. legal permanent resident or foreign national o GPA: 3.3 or have earned a GED o Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. accredited college/university in the fall of 2013 as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student. o Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities

· Scholarship Amount: o Cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses

· Website: Visit www.gmsp.org to apply

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

• Deadline: January

· Criteria: The GE-Reagan foundation Scholarship program annually awards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships. This national program awards college scholarships to high school seniors who embody the characteristics of President Ronald Reagan at school, in the community, in the workplace and at home.

· Amount: \$10,000 renewable up to \$40,000 per student

· Website: www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Program

• Deadline: January

· Description: With education costs spiraling ever higher, a college education may seem out of reach. A partnership between Ronald McDonald House Charities and its local chapters opens the doors to higher education for graduating high school seniors. The RMHC Scholarship Program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals.

· Website: Apply today at <https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC> or log on to www.rmhc.org for complete program details and eligibility requirements.

RGV Lead Scholarship

- **Deadline: January**

- Criteria: 2 letters of recommendation, College and Career essay, copy of high school transcript

- Amount: \$5,000

- Apply: Applications available on-line at

<http://rgvlead.com/pdf/Scholarship%20Application%20for%202014%20FINAL2.pdf>

Courage to Grow

Deadline: January 31, 2019 (Opens in August) Amount: 500 Statement of 250 words or less on why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship.

* Be a high school senior or a college student * Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better * Be a U.S. citizen <http://couragetogrowscholarship.com>

National Peace Essay Contest

Deadline: February Amount: 10,000 Description: Submit a 1500 word essay on the topic: Gender, War and Peace building - "What does it mean to have a gendered approach to war and peace issues?" Requirements: Students are eligible to participate if they are in grades nine through twelve in any of the fifty states. <http://www.usip.org>

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: February Criteria: Must be a graduating, minority high school senior, show leadership, demonstrate dedication to community service, financial need & US Citizen. Must have a minimum SAT of 1,000 (math & science) or composite ACT of 22.

Amount: \$24,000 for 4 years Website: Apply online at <http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/>

Church's Chicken Scholars Program

- **Deadline: February**

- Criteria: Student must be a resident of the U.S., be a graduating high school senior or graduating from a home school education in the U.S., and have a minimum GPA of 2.7. The student must also plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S.

- Amount: \$1,000

- Website: Apply online at www.scholarsapply.org/churchsscholars

Richie's Spirit Foundation Scholarship

- **Deadline: February 15, 2019**

- Amount: \$1000 * Recommender information for potential letter if selected as a finalist *

Significant Challenge Essay - respond to the following prompts (max 750 words for both answers): 1) Briefly describe a significant challenge you have faced in your life

2) Describe how you overcame this challenge. Tell us how it has shaped you as an individual. *

Transcript - if selected as finalist * Must be a legal U.S. citizen currently enrolled in a U.S.-accredited high school and will graduate in the spring of the deadline year * Must plan to attend a vocational school, community college, or four-year college full-time during the upcoming academic year * Must have a cumulative high school grade point average of a 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) * Must have taken challenging courses throughout his or her high school career

* Must have demonstrated strong leadership roles within his or her community

<http://richiesspirit.org/>

Best Buy Scholarship America

• **Deadline: February 2019**

• Amount: \$1,000

• Description: Best Buy Scholarship Program awards 1,100 scholarships of \$1,000 annually to students across the United States and Puerto Rico in grades 9-12. Scholarship selection is based on academic achievement, volunteerism efforts and or work experience. All students are encouraged to apply.

• Website: applications can be found at <http://pr.bby.com>

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

• **Deadline: February 28, 2019**

• The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors or college undergraduates who plan to major in a specified course of study that focuses on Engineering, Technology, or select Design and Business-related programs of study.

• Scholarships will be awarded based on participation and leadership in community and school activities, interest in the automotive industry, academic achievement, and financial need. Special consideration will be given to those who are a first-generation college student, female, minority, military veteran or a dependent of military personnel.

• <http://www.buickachievers.com/>

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Scholarship

• **Deadline: February**

• Criteria: Students must be a graduating senior who plan to continue their education in the arts related to textiles, including fashion, designing, pattern making, and study of materials, dyes, color and other textile- related studies. The RGVQG High School Scholarship application and

guidelines are available on the Guild website, www.rgvqg.com. On the webpage, click on the High School Scholarship Application link.

- Amount: \$1,000
- Website: Apply online at www.rgvqg.com

STATE FARM GOOD NEIGHBOR Scholarship

· Deadline: March 1

· Description: This scholarship does not require a high GPA, but rather focuses on students who are volunteers in their communities and demonstrate financial need.

· Criteria: To be eligible for students must meet the following criteria: be a 2015 graduating high school senior, must have a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, plan to enroll full-time for the 2018 – 2019 academic year at an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university or vocational-tech and must be a U.S. citizen.

· Amount: Varies

· Website: For more information and to apply visit:
<http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>

Willacy County FARM BUREAU Scholarship

· Deadline: March 1

· Description: The selection of the winner will be made by a committee of 3 people appointed by the President of Cameron County Farm Bureau.

· Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a High School Senior or college student whose parents' membership is in good standing with the Cameron County Farm Bureau. The student should be an exemplary student in academics, school activities, and involved in community projects.

· Amount: TBA

· Apply: Applications are available in counselor's office

VAMOS Scholarship

· Deadline: April 1, 2018 (opens in October)

· Description: VAMOS sponsors four-year scholarships to deserving high school graduates from various backgrounds for enrollment at a university of their choice. In addition, VAMOS not only supports students by paying for tuition & books but helps with motivation and encouragement through its Mentoring Program which monitors students throughout their college careers to ensure their success.

· Scholarship Amount: \$20,000/4years program

· Website: <http://vamosscholars.org/>

JRG Foundation Scholarship-For Athletes!!! Deadline: April 1st 2019 - Provides scholarship to Rio Grande Valley high school students seeking a higher education. - Mailing address: JRG Scholarship Program, 3609 E Richardson, Edinburg TX 78542 - Essay: "How do you evaluate your past and what do you see in your future?" (250 words, 12 font, Times New Roman) - Transcript and Letter of Recommendation - Eligibility Requirements: Have been an athlete who has lettered at least one year in varsity sport during high school. Be a senior and be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a 2 or 4 year institute, college or university.

<http://www.jrgfoundation.com/JRGapplication.pdf>

College Jump Start Scholarship Deadline: April 2019 1) what are your educational goals? 2) How will winning this scholarship help you attain your goals? 3) Write about a time when "hard work" paid off. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident Requirements : * * Must attend or plan to attend an accredited 2-year, 4-year or vocational / trade school in the U.S. * Must be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community

<http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net>

Al's Formal Wear Scholarship Deadline: May 31, 2019

· Amount: 2 @ \$1,000

· Requirements:

· Website: All applicants must be high school seniors and have applied to a college and/or university for Fall 2018 admission. All applications must be completed accurately and on time.

<https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/als-formal-wear-scholarship/>

Other Scholarship websites

College for Texans <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>

Fast WEB-Financial Aid through the WEB <http://www.fastweb.com>

The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid <http://www.finaid.org>

Free College Scholarship Search & Financial Aid Resource

<http://www.scholarships.com>

Government Grants <http://www.scholarshipsfinder.com/Grants>

Scholarship search engine <http://www.findtherightscholarship.com/>

Adventures in Education <http://www.adventuresineducation.org>

Cash For Your Education <http://www.wiredscholar.com>

CollegeBoard Online <http://www.collegeboard.com>

The Free Scholarship Information Service <http://www.freschinfo.com>

International Education Financial Aid <http://www.IEFA.org>

Gates Millennium Scholars <http://www.gmsp.org/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund <http://www.hsf.net>

Scholarship Resource Network Express

<http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm>

Scholarship Resource at <http://www.upromise.com>