

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

12 this year!
~~10~~ Scholarships awarded annually!

THE PROGRAM

The Westside High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has established a scholarship program to help finance education for children of its members. The program is independently managed by the Westside High School Scholarship Committee, a school-based educational support team consisting of WHS faculty and directed by the College Counselor. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Spirit Scholarships will be awarded to twelve (12) graduating seniors who have demonstrated their Westside spirit through involvement and leadership in Westside activities. Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior in good standing;
- Have a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Be enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a full-time course of study at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university;
- Applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of the PTO by the application deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards are \$1,000 each. A total of twelve (12) scholarships are to be awarded this year.

APPLICATION

Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. All information submitted is confidential and will be reviewed by WHS Scholarship Committee personnel only. Students must:

- Write a one page, 250-word or less, essay on "Why I Deserve the Westside High School PTO Spirit Scholarship."
- Submit essay along with two (2) completed teacher recommendations (MUST use attached forms).
 - Recommendations may be written by teachers, coaches, club sponsors, administrators or staff.
 - Applicants must provide an envelope to each person writing a recommendation.

Submit completed applications to Ms. Micki Karacek in Room A205 no later than the deadline below.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 9, 2009.

RECIPIENT SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of activities and participation in school and community activities, and adult recommendations.

Scholarships awarded will be based on WHS Scholarship Committee selection procedures and available funds. Not all applicants will receive awards.

Selection of recipients will be made by the WHS Scholarship Committee. In no instance does any member or officer of WHS PTO play a part in the selection. All applicants will be notified of their status on or before June 1, 2009.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Scholarship payments will be authorized by the WHS Scholarship Committee and processed by the PTO Treasurer. Checks will be made payable directly to the college or university.

OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship recipients must enroll in their education programs no later than the Fall of the year in which their awards are given. Recipients have no obligations to the WHS PTO. They are, however, required to notify the PTO Treasurer of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other pertinent information.

REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarships are made are subject to periodic review by the WHS PTO, including termination of the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the Westside High School PTO Spirit Scholarship Program, or to download a copy of the scholarship application, please visit PrepHQ.com, the PTO website (www.westsidepto.org),

OR

Contact Ms. Micki Karacek
Westside High School College Center
14201 Briar Forest Drive, Room A205
Houston, Texas 77077
Telephone: 281-920-8028

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Dean's Name: _____ Small School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Submit this application to Ms. Karacek in the College Center, Room A205 by Thursday, April 9, 2009. Be sure to include the following:

- this cover sheet
- attach your 250-word essay
- two (2) teacher/staff recommendations (*teachers will submit these directly*)

Teacher name: _____

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Students: Please be sure to give each teacher or staff member ample time to complete recommendation and provide each teacher with envelope addressed to Ms. Karacek.

**Westside High School PTO
Spirit Scholarship
Recommendation Form**

Student's Name: _____

*** Students – provide faculty/staff with an envelope to submit form. ***

Recommending Faculty/Staff Name: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

How would you describe this student's conduct and attitude? _____

In what activity have you worked with this student? _____

How has this student promoted WHS spirit? _____

Additional Comments: _____

***Teachers: Please submit recommendation in the envelope provided to
Micki Karacek in Room A205 or in her box in the main office.
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