

# **WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP**

## **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 ten (10) 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 ten (10) 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 8, 2010.**

## **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, 2010.

## **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](http://www.westsidepto.org)),

OR

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

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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 8, 2010. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

*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/Ms. Turner.*

# 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what activity have you worked with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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How has this student promoted WHS spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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