

Counselor's Corner **For March 2010**

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Financial Resources:

Don't forget to fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

Go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order to sign the FAFSA electronically, you will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Go to www.pin.ed.gov to apply for a PIN.

Deadlines for colleges to receive the FAFSA:

Angelo State University – April 1st

Midwestern State University – May 1st

Texas A&M University– March 31st

Tarleton State University – April 1

Texas Tech University – no deadline

University of Texas at Austin – March 31st

University of Texas Dallas – March 31st

University of North Texas – March 31st

West Texas A& M University – April 15th

Another good resource is the TEXAS FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION CENTER.

The Texas Financial Aid Center can assist with any type of financial aid question, whether it is a question about the FAFSA, the Texas Grant or federal education tax credits. The center takes calls Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until 6:50 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. until 4:50 p.m. Spanish speaking representatives are available. The number is **toll free – 1-877-782-7322**.

Looking for Scholarships:

1. Go to www.fastweb.com
2. The Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid online at www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmmain.html
3. To personalize your scholarship search go to www.collegenet.com/mach25/

Scholarships for March

South Plains College:

Students planning to attend South Plains College need to apply by **March 1st** for this scholarship. Applications are in the counselor's office or online at www.southplainscollege.edu

Midwestern State University:

The general academic scholarships and the President's Distinguished Scholarship applications are due **March 1st**. The online address is <http://admissions.mwsu.edu/scholarships.asp>. The President's Distinguished Scholarship requires applicants have an ACT score of 24 or SAT score of 1100 and be ranked in the top 40% of their class.

FCCLA: C.J. Davidson College Scholarship

Applications can be found online at www.texasfccla.org/scholarships

Deadline: March 1st.

Eligibility:

- A Texas resident
- A Texas high school graduate
- Have complete one or more years of Family Consumer Science
- Be currently enrolled in a Texas college/university
- Be majoring in any area of family and consumer sciences
- Not married

Requirements of the scholarship:

- Include an official transcript with an overall GPA of 2.5
- Include test scores from ACT or SAT
- Include 3 recommendation form
- Include theme of approximately 200 words
- Include a 1 page resume
- Include a letter from the Dean of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences confirming applicants major.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative:

This is a scholarship for students and their families who are members of a rural electric cooperative (South Plains Electric Cooperative for this area). The scholarship is for **\$1,200**. Applications are in the counselor's office. Deadline date is **March 15**.

Clarendon College Scholarship:

Students must complete the application and attach a high school transcript and two letters of recommendation. The applications are in the counselor's office. Students must maintain 12 credit hours and a 2.8 to 4.0 to continue to receive the scholarship. The deadline is **March 15th**.

Texas Association of Trial Lawyers:

This is a true-need based scholarship of **\$1000.00** high school seniors statewide. You must submit the following: the completed application, transcript and report card, two reference letters on letterhead; essay titled "Why the jury is the cornerstone of the civil justice system", list of work/school activities, and a personal statement. The application can be downloaded from www.ttla.com. The application must be postmarked no later than **March 20th**.

Slough Foundation Scholarship:

You must have at least a 3.0 GPA, **demonstrate a need through the FASFA results**, submit a 300 word essay, and official high school transcript. The award is up to **\$5000 a year for up to five years**. Applications are available online at www.midland.edu/admission/aid/forms/slough.pdf . Applications must be postmark by **March 29th**.

Vernon College Scholastic Scholarships:

These scholarships are awarded to students who have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Scholarship amounts vary. The scholarships are in the counselor's office. The deadline is **April 1st**. Apply online at www.vernoncollege.edu/finaid/faschol.html.

Texas Rural Electric Women's Association

This is for current TREWA members and their children. People interested in joining may complete an application and return it with a membership fee of \$20. Applications for the scholarship are in the counselor's office. Grades will not be a deciding factor for this scholarship. Recipients may attend any accredited college, university, junior community college, trade/technical school, or business school of their choice. The judging of these possible scholarship awards are based on qualities, leadership qualities, energy awareness, essay content, and general knowledge of the rural electric program. What is needed to apply for this scholarship: a TREWA scholarship application and one copy, three letters of recommendation, current photo, and a current cooperative electric bill. Application must be postmarked by midnight, **April 1st** to be judged. **There are 8 – \$1000 scholarships given. Applications can be obtained online at www.trewa.org**

Masonic Lodge Scholarship

The scholarship gives preference to a student with Masonic Affiliation. Applicants must attend a 2 or 4 year colleges, have an 85 average and a 94% attendance rate for four years. Also the student must have good moral character. The applications are in the counselor's office. The Masonic Lodge awards \$500.00 a semester for 4 years. **The deadline will be due April 9th**.

Senior Junior Forum:

The scholarship will be awarded to deserving undergraduate male or female students who plan to attend Midwestern State University. Four scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 will be awarded. The deadline for submitting the applications is **April 1st**.

AIE/ TG Charley Wooten Grant Program - (This program opens April 2nd)

A total of two million dollars will be awarded the scholarship recipients. *To be eligibility*, the student must be a U.S. citizen, a high school senior, and demonstrate financial need by being able to receive federal funding determined through the FAFSA. Apply online at www.aie.org/wootan

First Ag. Credit of Vernon

One \$500.00 scholarship is given to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:
The student must:

1. Be a resident of Foard, Hardeman or Wilbarger Counties
2. Will be a full-time student at a college or university
3. Is declaring an Ag related major.

Applications are in the counselor's office.

Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union

Deadline is April 24th. Five **\$1000.00 scholarships** will be given to area seniors who are members of the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union. Applicants must fill out an application, submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope and attach two letters of recommendation; as well as an essay stating "What education means to me and what it will mean in the future." Applications are in the counselor's office.

Hardeman County Farm Bureau:

Applicants must be Hardeman County High School Senior whose families are members of the Hardeman County Farm Bureau. The scholarship is \$1000.00 paid \$500.00 a semester. The student's GPA must be 2.0 to get the money for the 2nd semester. A transcript and a one-page essay stating "Why I feel I am deserving of the Hardeman County Farm Bureau Scholarship" are required. The scholarship application must be returned to the Hardeman County Farm Bureau by **May 1st**.

Childress Regional Medical Center:

One **\$1000.00** scholarship is given to an area senior who is pursuing a career in a healthcare profession and demonstrates financial need and has an above average academic record. Applications are in the counselor's office. **Application must be receive by May 12.**

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation:

This scholarship awards **\$500, \$1000, \$2,500 and \$4000 for a one year only scholarship and \$3,000 a year for 2 year scholarships.** **The application must be submitted between April 1st and May 6th.** Applications are in the counselor's office.

All TILF scholarship applicants must meet and complete these five requirements:

1. Compete in one of the State Level UIL Academic State Meet Contest.
2. Submit a high school transcript including ACT scores, verified rank in graduating class and size of graduating class.
3. Submit completed application and parent's IRS 1040 form page 1 and 2 only.
4. Graduate from high school
5. Attend an accredited college or university in Texas and take 12 hours and maintain a minimum of 2.5 grade point average.

Win to Win

If you're a high school senior with asthma and excel in one of these areas – performing arts, visual arts, community service, athletics or science and will attend college in the fall - you may be an ideal candidate. For more information about Win to Win visit www.schering-ploughwilltownin.com

Opportunities in the future

Wichita Falls Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Training Committee:

This committee is taking applications for electrical apprenticeship programs. The basic requirements are a high school diploma, completion of 1 year of Algebra, students must be 17 to apply and 18 years old at time of indenture, and proof of current driver's license.

Applications are taken the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the IBEW Local union **681 office at 6111 Jacksboro Hwy. from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Selections into the program are determined by vacancies and workload. If selected into the apprenticeship program, each applicant will be required to take a drug test.

Nursing Foundation:

The Good Samaritan Foundation awards 600 scholarships in amounts that vary to students majoring in nursing. Attendance to a Texas university, and the completion of one year as a nursing major are required. For more information:

Good Samaritan Foundation
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Houston, TX 77005

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