

# Notice to Scholars' Dollars Recipients

Scholars' Dollars is a scholarship fund in which businesses and individuals throughout Pecos County donate to assist students attending the Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton, Texas. The critical funds have assisted hundreds of students over the years and welcomes the opportunity to support Midland College students attending the WRTTC campus. For students who do not receive federal financial aid, this scholarship provides much needed assistance. Scholars' Dollars also reaches out to students in continuing education areas, such as, English as a Second Language, Certified Nursing Assistant program, and technical certificates.

Scholars' Dollars funds are allocated **AFTER** federal financial aid is awarded, to include but not limited to, PELL, SEOG, TEOG, the Pinon Foundation Scholarship, and outside scholarships. Scholars' Dollars funds will be awarded to cover remaining balances for tuition/fees and textbooks. Funds not used for these balances will be returned to the Scholars' Dollars funds.

The Scholars' Dollars Award board is open to "special circumstances", where the students can submit a written document as an attachment to their application, which identifies and explains their specific circumstances and needs.

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## Guidelines and Criteria

### Before you apply:

1. Apply for admission to Midland College through [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).
2. Apply for federal financial aid (FAFSA) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
3. Obtain a copy of your Midland College transcript if you have credit hours earned. An unofficial copy is available on the student "My MC Portal".
4. After completing the application, keep this page and a copy of your application for your personal records.
5. **Submit the completed application with your transcript (if applicable) and confirmation of your EFC from the Student Aid Report/FAFSA, to Elizabeth Lara-Scholars' Dollars Coordinator.**

### Eligibility:

1. Pecos County residents attending the WRTTC campus in Fort Stockton, Texas.
2. Eligible students may be awarded Scholars' Dollars for up to 60 credit hours. However, consideration based on a case by case need will be considered.
3. A student must maintain a 2.0 GPA per semester.
4. Scholars' Dollars awards may not be transferred to any other school or campus.

It is important that students plan for the expenses associated with enrolling in college courses. Tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student.

### Deadline:

1. Applications may be submitted by the end of the first week in August for the FALL semester and the end of the second week for the SPRING semester.

### Selection Process:

1. Scholarship selection is made the Scholars' Dollars Board and is based on need and worthiness.
2. Applications are presented to the board and identified by the last four digits of the student MC ID# (This number is assigned to the student when the student applies for admission to Midland College). Student name and identifying information is removed from the application.
3. The Board will consider all information on the application and gives much weight to the essay questions. Therefore, it is important that the information is concise and accurate. Students are encouraged to take their time to plan and document their answers to explain their situation fully.
4. After the Board's consideration of the application, the amount of scholarship, if any, will be determined for each applicant.
5. A scholarship award letter will be provided to the student by the Scholars' Dollars Coordinator.



# SCHOLARS' DOLLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last 4 Digits of Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information

Demographic data are important in assessing the effectiveness of our efforts to solicit applications from a diverse population. Data will not be considered in the selection process.

**Date of birth** (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Gender** Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you:

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently enrolled in high school | Anticipated Graduation date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated high school             | Year Graduated _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED Graduate                      | Year Graduated _____              |

### Are you:

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married  | <input type="checkbox"/> Separated                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Never been married              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed  | <input type="checkbox"/> A member of an unmarried couple |

### Are you currently:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed for wages | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work for more than 1 year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed      | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work for less than 1 year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A homemaker        | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A student          | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to work                   |

**Race/Ethnicity:** How do you describe yourself? (please check the one option that best describes you)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic White                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)           | _____   |

**How many live in your household:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Ages:

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____ Less than 5 years old?   | _____ 27 through 42 years old? |
| _____ 5 through 12 years old?  | _____ 43 through 59 years old? |
| _____ 13 through 17 years old? | _____ 60 through 75 years old? |
| _____ 18 through 26 years old? | _____ 76 and older?            |

## Home and Family Commitments

If you have devoted significant time as a primary caretaker or homemaker for family members or other dependents, please describe the circumstances and your role.

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## Eligibility Information

**PECOS COUNTY RESIDENT:** YES [ ] OR NO [ ] How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

### Household Income

Please check the appropriate box indicating the combined yearly income of the person(s) who are or will be living in the household. In most cases this will include the applicant and (if any) other household or family members contributing to the household expenses:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$ 15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 48,001 - \$ 60,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 15,000 - \$ 24,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 60,001 - \$ 75,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 24,001 - \$ 36,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater than \$ 75,001
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 36,001 - \$ 48,000		

Have you completed your FAFSA and what is your EFC number? \_\_\_\_\_

Attach EFC Confirmation Page

Are you receiving any other financial aid or scholarship that will apply to the semester(s) for which you are applying? If yes, please list the type and amount.

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Have you received Scholars' Dollars before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you complete the semester for which you were awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, explain why? \_\_\_\_\_

### Current Education Information

#### Field of Study

AA       AS       AAS       Certificate       Transfer

**Applying for program?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Accepted into Program?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enrolled?**       Full Time       Part Time

**Enrolled in courses for program or other?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours do you expect to take in:**

Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Spring \_\_\_\_\_

**Credits earned to date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned completion date:** (semester/year) \_\_\_\_\_

## Career Goals

Briefly describe your career goals for the next 5–10 years and your plan and time line for accomplishing them. Explain how your college plans support these career goals and indicate any other important factors that led to your decision to pursue this degree or certificate program.

Why do you want to attend Midland College WRTTC?

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Describe your career goal:

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Please write a short paragraph describing how this scholarship will impact your life

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## Special Circumstance – Additional Financial Assistance

If you have special circumstance that you will be unable to fund the remaining tuition and fees, please write a properly formatted letter detailing your need. Planning and knowing how to pay the expense associated with enrolling in college courses is the student's responsibility. We know life situations change, and we welcome the opportunity to offer additional assistance to assist the student in this valuable educational opportunity.

# SCHOLARS' DOLLARS AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am accepting a Scholars' Dollars Scholarship  
(PRINT NAME)  
for the \_\_\_\_\_ semester.

- A. I understand that if I stop attending this course(s), or I am dismissed by the instructor(s), my Scholars' Dollars **Scholarship** will then become a Scholars' Dollars **loan** and I will be responsible for paying back the funds.
- B. I further understand that if I default on this loan, I will not be eligible to receive Scholars' Dollars funding for other course(s) in the future.
- C. THANK YOU CARDS must be turned in to the WRTTC office. I will receive instructions with my letter of scholarship acceptance. The Scholars' Dollars funding partners welcome these thank-you letters as they illustrate the students' appreciation for the financial aid provided by the Scholars' Dollars Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT ID NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)