

Notice to Scholars' Dollars Recipients

Scholars' Dollars is a scholarship fund in which businesses throughout Fort Stockton donate to assist students pursuing higher education thru Midland College. This critical fund has assisted hundreds of Pecos County residents over the years and welcomes the opportunity to support Midland College students in pursuing their educational goals. This scholarship seeks to award a scholarship to students who desire to create a professional impact on their chosen fields.

Scholars' Dollars also reaches out to students in Continuing Education, such as, English as a Second language, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Pharmacy Technician and technical certificates.

The Scholars' Dollars Board is open to "special circumstances". The student may submit an explanation of their "financial hardship" in the attached essay of their application. The special circumstances should clearly identify and explain their specific circumstances and needs. Planning and knowing how to pay the expenses associated with enrolling in college courses is the students' responsibility. We understand life situations change and we welcome the opportunity to assist students in need.

Guidelines and Criteria

A. Before you apply:

1. Apply for admission to Midland College through www.goapplytexas.org.
2. Apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov.
3. Attach a copy of your Midland College transcript if you have credit hours earned with Midland College or an outside college or university. An **unofficial copy** is acceptable for this scholarship.
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), confirmation of your SAI-Student Aid Index. (The SAI was formerly the EFC number associated with the financial information the student provided on the FAFSA), and essay to Josie Hernandez-Scholars' Dollars Coordinator.

B. Eligibility:

1. Pecos County residents to include Ft. Stockton and the surrounding area.
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 upon request.
3. Students should be enrolled for 6-8 credit hours (part time) to 12+ credit hours (full time).
4. To be eligible and remain eligible for a Scholars' Dollars award, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA each semester.

C. Deadline:

1. Applications should be submitted no later than the **FIRST** week in **August** for the **FALL** semester.
2. Applications should be submitted no later than the **FIRST** week in **December** for the **SPRING** semester.
3. **No LATE applications will be accepted, strict adherence to the scholarship deadline is required.**

D. Selection Process:

1. Scholarship selection is made by the Scholars' Dollars Board.
2. Applications will be presented to the Board and will be identified by the last four digits of the student's Midland College ID number. Student name and identifying information is removed from the application.
3. The SD Board will consider all the information on the application and gives much weight to the essay question. Therefore, it is important that your information be concise and accurate. Students are encouraged to take their time to plan and document their situation fully.
4. After the SD 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

Academic Year: _____

Note to Applicant: The legibility, accuracy, and completeness of the application will be considered.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Midland College Student ID
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone Number	Date of Birth	E-mail Address
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I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained on this form is correct and complete. I agree that Midland College has my permission to verify any and all information.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit completed application to: WRTTC/Scholars' Dollars
1309 W. Interstate 10
Fort Stockton, Texas 79735
Phone: 432.336.7882
Email: wrttc@midland.edu

SCHOLARS' DOLLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last 4 Digits of Student ID: _____

Demographic Information

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

Date of birth (MM/YYYY) _____ / _____

Gender Male _____ Female _____

Are you:

- High School Graduate
- GED Graduate

Year Graduated _____
Year Graduated _____

Are you:

- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Separated
- Single
- A member of an unmarried couple

Are you currently:

- Employed for wages
- Self-employed
- A homemaker
- A student
- Out of work for more than 1 year
- Out of work for less than 1 year
- Retired
- Unable to work

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

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Other (please specify) _____
- Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic White

How many live in your household (excluding self)

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?

Eligibility Information

PECOS COUNTY RESIDENT: YES/NO (circle one) 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		

Student Aid Index

SAI number as indicated upon completion of the FAFSA? _____

Attach SAI Confirmation

Financial Aid & Scholarships

List other financial aid or scholarship(s) that will apply to the semester for which you are applying:

1. _____ Amount _____
2. _____ Amount _____
3. _____ Amount _____
4. _____ Amount _____

Scholars' Dollars

Are you a previous recipient of a Scholars' Dollars award? Yes No

If YES, indicate the amount _____ and the semester awarded _____

Did you complete the semester in which you were awarded with a 2.00 GPA? Yes No

If NO, briefly explain: _____

SCHOLARS' DOLLARS AGREEMENT

I, _____, am accepting a Scholars' Dollars Scholarship
(Print Name)
for the _____ semester/year.

- A. I understand that if I stop attending this course(s), am dismissed by the instructor(s), withdraw/drop class(es), and/or fail to meet the GPA requirement, I will not be eligible to receive Scholars' Dollars funding the following academic semester.** I, further, understand that upon completion of a semester, I will be required to resubmit an application for consideration of a future scholarship. I must have a GPA of 2.0 to qualify.
- B. As part of my acceptance of a Scholars' Dollars Scholarship, I will be required to write THANK YOU letters to the SD Scholarship partners. The "THANK YOU" letters must be submitted to Carmen Rodriguez, Scholars' Dollars Coordinator at WRTTC, by the designated deadline.** 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. Failure to meet this requirement will affect my eligibility to receive continued scholarship funds. Specific instructions will be provided with my award letter.

(SIGNATURE/DATE)

(STUDENT ID NUMBER)