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The Juneteenth West Texas Organization Inc.'s Youth Enrichment Scholarship Award Year 2010

Scholarship applications may be obtained during the student's senior year in high school. Students may access our scholarship forms online (see link below) or write to us to request a copy of the forms after the start of their senior year. If writing to the Organization, the student must identify their high school, month and year of graduation, and include their name and home address. Address all correspondence as follows:

**The Juneteenth West Texas Organization Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 72
Rotan, Texas 79546**

A number of finalists will be selected from the applications received and will be invited in for a personal interview or sent a questionnaire form to complete and return to the organization. Finalist will subsequently be notified in writing if he/she will or will not receive a Scholarship. If a student is not invited in for a personal interview or has not received a questionnaire form by May 15, 2010, he/she may assume that they are not a finalist and no correspondence will be forthcoming from the Organization.

Eligibility Requirements

- You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen under state residency statutes.
- You must be a resident of Fisher County, Jones County, Scurry County, Nolan County, Taylor County, Stonewall County, Kent County, Brown County or Tom Green at the time of high school graduation.

- Scholarship applications may be obtained during the student's senior year.
- You must have graduated from a High School in the following counties: Fisher County, Jones County, Scurry County, Nolan County, Taylor County, Stonewall County Kent County, Brown or Tom Green.
- You must be a graduating senior and enrolled in an accredited college or university full-time.
- You must not have been judged delinquent, nor have been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere (No Contest) to any felony in any state.
- You must not have been convicted of an alcohol or drug-related misdemeanor in any state.
- You must not be in default or owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid.
- You must have a 3.00 final high school grade point average based on the Uniform Grading Policy.
- The scholarship will be awarded based on "financial need" and "scholastic ability"
- If you have children, you must be current and remain current on child support payments.

Terms of Eligibility

- You may receive the Youth Enrichment Scholarship for **no more than two semesters** and only during your **initial year** of college enrollment.
- You must maintain at least a 3.0 G.P.A.
- You must remain a full-time student (12 semester hrs or more).

Award Amount

The Juneteenth West Texas Organization Inc. Board of Directors determines the Youth Enrichment Scholarship award amount annually. The Youth Enrichment Scholarship award amount may vary from year to year, depending on fund availability. However, the Youth Enrichment Scholarship will be no less than \$300.00 per year and awarded every June (depending on available funds).

***Note:** The Scholarship in combination with all other scholarships and grants may not exceed the cost-of-attendance of the college, trade school, vocational school or university.

Award Disbursements

The Scholarship will be disbursed in equal amounts at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The Scholarship is only available during the fall and spring semesters.

Dropping Class or Withdrawing

If you are receiving the Scholarship or any other financial aid, dropping a class or withdrawing may affect your potential refund. Depending upon the type(s) of financial aid awards involved, the withdrawal date, the amount of the refund, and other factors, you might receive a portion of the total refund amount or none of the refund amount. Under certain circumstances, if you withdraw or drop classes, you will be required to repay financial aid funds you received including the Scholarship. This is necessary when the refund amount is insufficient to meet the financial aid fund recovery requirements. If you are considering withdrawing or dropping classes, you should contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships before taking this action.

Changes in Residency

A change in your residency and fee payment status to non-resident will lead to the required repayment of your award for any enrollment period in which you are no longer classified as a resident and received the Scholarship.

The information on this document is subject to change by either the Texas Legislature or the Commission on Higher Education. You may view the most recent guidelines for the Scholarship on the Internet at www.juneteenthwesttexas.org/Scholarship.htm.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions must be followed accurately to make certain that your application is considered. If you do not understand the instructions, call the Organization (325) 480-2308 for guidance.

1. Write to us to receive an application and guidelines or print them from our website (www.juneteenthwesttexas.org/Scholarship.htm).

Scholarship Application and Financial Statements

2. Complete each line or question on all forms. Anything left blank will result in the application not being considered. Also, "N/A" is not an acceptable answer. "None" or "Zero" may be used where appropriate.
3. Where "\$" signs appear a number is required, either actual or if in the future, an estimate. "Unknown" is not an acceptable answer.
4. Do not submit an application before you take the SAT or ACT. To apply for a scholarship, you must have a minimum SAT score of 900 (on the Math and Critical Reading portions combined), and/or ACT score of 19. The new writing section of the SAT will be considered, but not in figuring the SAT minimum.
5. Submit all items shown at the bottom of the Scholarship Application together in one mailing envelope in the order listed. If an item is received by itself, it is discarded. Incomplete packages are not considered.

6. Please do not staple anything (except your photo in the upper right hand corner of your application). **Clip or paper clip materials together.** Remove high school transcripts from separate envelopes and clip as the last item in your package of materials.
7. **Note** that if you or your parents filed your income tax return electronically, the detailed paper copies mailed to us must be signed. Call and ask us for other forms of income verification.
8. Applicants must submit **two (2) letters of recommendation** (recommenders cannot be related to applicants):
 - One letter of recommendation from the Pastor, Youth Pastor, Youth Director, Sunday School Superintendent, or person within the church leadership who knows the spiritual stewardship of the applicant or Community Leader who can vouch for students community involvement.
 - The second letter of recommendation must be from a current/ former teacher, guidance counselor, principal who knows the academic capabilities of the applicant. **Include the two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with your completed application.**
9. Only mailed or personally delivered applications, with all of the required attachments, are accepted.
10. Note that the deadline for the RECEIPT of your application at the Organization's office is **4:00 PM, April 15, 2010**. Regardless of when an application is postmarked, it will not be considered if it arrives after the deadline.

The Juneteenth West Texas Organization Inc.'s Youth Enrichment Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Full Name:				Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>		
Address:					
	<i>Street Address</i>			<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	<i>City</i>			<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	()	Email Address:			
EDUCATION					
High School:					
	<i>Name of High School</i>				
Address of High School:					
	<i>Street Address or P.O. Box</i>				
	<i>City</i>			<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	()	Expected Date of Graduation (mm/dd/yyyy):			
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT					
PLEASE NOTE: List extra-curricular activities that you have been personally involved in during grades 9-12.					
Name of Activity		Years of Participation		Office(s) Held	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
AWARDS/SPECIAL HONORS/DISTINCTIONS (attach a sheet with additional awards if needed)					
PLEASE NOTE: List up to four major awards, honors, or distinctions that you received during grades 9-12.					
Award/Honor/Distinction		Description/Basis for Award			Year(s) Received
1.					
2.					
3.					

4.		
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AREA(S) OF CAREER INTEREST

Career Goal:	
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Intended College Major:	
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REFERENCES

PLEASE NOTE: Give the names of your church or community reference and your academic reference.

	Name	Title/Position	Phone
Chur./Com			()
Academic:			()

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

- I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that submitting nonfactual information will automatically disqualify me from consideration for all scholarships.
- By submitting this application, I authorize my high school to make information concerning my academic records available to The Juneteenth West Texas Organization's Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OPTIONAL COUNSELOR'S OR PRINCIPAL'S

PLEASE NOTE: This section is optional and to be completed by your high school.

Cumulative High School Grade Point Average: _____		Rank in Class: _____	Class Size: _____
PSAT SCORES (if applicable) Date Taken: _____ Writing: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Mathematics: _____	SAT SCORES (if applicable) Date Taken: _____ Writing: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Mathematics: _____	ACT SCORES (if applicable) Date Taken: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Writing: _____ Composite: _____	

I hereby certify that the academic information provided in this section is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

High School: _____ Phone: ()

<i>For Official Use Only</i>
Approved By: _____
Date: _____

Required Attachments

Please do not send in your application without all required attachments. To make our job easier please organize your material in the order recommended. Please note; if additional information is required in order to complete your application, we will contact you.

- (1). Submit completed scholarship application with photo of applicant stapled to the application (staple to first page of application).
- (2) Submit guardians' income tax return for current year. We may make exceptions, please call our office before you submit another document or another year's tax return.
- (3) Two (2) letters of recommendation (sealed in separate envelopes).
- (4) Certified high school transcripts, sealed in envelope. If you have attended more than one high school, please provide us with all transcripts from every high school attended.