

ATTENTION: LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

To: Graduating High School Seniors
From: Sherri Heiting, Scholarships Administrator at Permian Basin Area Foundation
Date: January 1, 2019
Re: **2019 - 2020 General Scholarship Application**



Permian Basin Area Foundation offers a variety of academic scholarships to Permian Basin Area students pursuing higher education and vocational opportunities. In 2018, the Foundation awarded \$522,670 in scholarships, and anticipates awarding approximately half a million dollars for the 2019 - 2020 academic year.

Scholarship information for the 2019 - 2020 academic year including criteria and eligibility will be available on the Foundation's website, www.pbaf.org, beginning **January 1, 2019**. The online process will close **March 31, 2019**. All supporting documentation will need to be submitted by that closing date.



Please visit the website and check specific requirements for each scholarship.



All students are required to complete the *General Scholarship Application*. Responses on this online application qualify students for consideration in a wide range of scholarships. The online process allows you to save your work and return to it before submitting your application. This allows you to submit your best work, and therefore your best impression on our reviewers.

Please visit our website, www.pbaf.org, for detailed information and instructions on how to apply. Always feel free to contact me at Permian Basin Area Foundation, 432.617.3213, or scholarships@pbaf.org for assistance.



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Scholarship Application Tips
2019-2020 Academic Year

- **Remember that your application is a reflection of you.**
 - Apply early, so you have time to submit your best work.

- **Review the application process carefully.**
 - Review the list of supporting documents required.
 - Note the deadline and where to submit supporting documents.
 - Be sure to read and follow all directions.

- **Approach the application process in a systematic, organized manner.**
 - Proofread your application and essay; ask someone else to review your essay for clarity and accuracy before submitting. Limit your essay to the topic; be mindful of the word count.
 - Be courteous and respectful in asking individuals to serve as references. Provide your references plenty of time to submit their evaluation. Check-up on your references to ensure they received the email request. If not, they may need to check their spam folder.
 - Create a list of accomplishments including extracurricular activities, high school jobs, and volunteer experience. Be specific when listing your experiences. For example, instead of stating, "I picked up trash for KMB." You may want to state, "I picked up trash for Keep Midland Beautiful with my church youth group every Saturday at Pokey Elementary during the month of October." This leaves your reviewer without any question about your service.

- **Submit the application and supporting documents before the deadline.**
 - Allow sufficient time for the documents to be received.

- **Do not hesitate to call or email scholarship staff members at the Foundation, if you have questions or need additional information about the scholarship application process.**