

# 2019 COMMON CHINA SPRING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete application and return to Mrs. Cranfill in the Counseling Center unless otherwise noted no later than **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3 p.m.** Each scholarship application must be returned in a sealed envelope. Your name and the name of the scholarship should be labeled on the outside of the envelope. (For example if you are applying for three scholarships, you will return three envelopes.)

The common application was created to assist China Spring High School Seniors in applying for the local scholarships listed below. This application includes common questions for local scholarships. COMPLETE the first two pages and then make copies of it for each scholarship you are applying. Also required are the addendum that is denoted on pages 3 - 8. AFTER MAKING COPIES OF PAGE 1 and 2, BE SURE TO MAKE a **clear indication** as to which scholarship is being applied for (please check on page 1). The application is located on the China Spring High School website on the Counseling Page under the Academics tab.

The application can be downloaded in order to copy and paste from your resume.

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| 1.) _____ CHINA SPRING ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB       | 11.) _____ CSHS INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP |
| 2.) _____ CHINA SPRING PTA                         | 12.) _____ CHINA SPRING ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION           |
| 3.) _____ CHINA SPRING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  | 13.) _____ RANDY LEASLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND         |
| 4.) _____ CSHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY              | 14.) _____ CHINA SPRING COUGARS IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP      |
| 5.) _____ CHINA SPRING BAND BOOSTER                | 15.) _____ IN EASTON'S NAME MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP           |
| 6.) _____ CHINA SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL | 16.) _____ CSHS UIL SCHOLARSHIP                            |
| 7.) _____ CHINA SPRING ELECTRIC BLUES              | 17.) _____ CHINA SPRING ART CLUB SCHOLARSHIP               |
| 8.) _____ CHINA SPRING CHOIR BOOSTERS              | 18.) _____ CHINA SPRING ART SCHOLARSHIP                    |
| 9.) _____ CSHS EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION              | 19.) _____ PAUL ARNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP                |
| 10.) _____ CSHS PRINCIPAL'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND |  |

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family including applicant: Please include ages of each. \_\_\_\_\_

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College or institution you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student organizations to which you belong (include all offices held): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Participation in athletic programs:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Extra-curricular activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors received:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community involvement/volunteer services:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is your career plan? (Intended profession)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Why do you feel you have a need for scholarship help?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List all scholarships you have received and amounts:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST for ALL applications:**

- ⇒ APPLICATION
  - ⇒ THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
  - ⇒ TRANSCRIPT- HIGH SCHOOL TO DATE
  - ⇒ ACT/SAT SCORES
  - ⇒ RECENT PHOTOGRAPH FOR PTA, CSYAA, ATHLETIC & BAND BOOSTER **ONLY**
  - ⇒ ADDENDUM PAGE(S)
  - ⇒ DEADLINE MARCH 21st, 3 PM -- be sure to read how to return the application(s)
- ⇒ ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR ABOVE INFORMATION REQUESTED. You may attach a resume in lieu of rewriting the information above or copy and paste the information from your resume. Please complete any area that you do not have on your resume.
  - ⇒ EACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. Your name and the name of the scholarship should be labeled on the outside of the envelope.

**Scholarship applications are due to the Counseling Center or sponsor indicated by Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3:00p.m. All scholarships listed require 3 letters of recommendation. These may be photocopied or emailed to you by request, see page 1. Be sure to request these recommendation letters well in advance of the due date.**

## **ADDENDUM**

***The recipients of all scholarships are selected by the organizations' selection committees. CSHS staff is not responsible for the selection process.***

### **1.) CHINA SPRING ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

- ◆ **Please state the specific sport in which you want to be considered (as scholarships will be categorized).**
- ◆ You may apply for multiple sports, but please **fill out a separate scholarship application for each sport.**
- ◆ **Please write the specific sport** (in addition to name of the scholarship) **on the envelope.**
- ◆ Parent/Student must be a member of the Booster Club, or a Corporate Sponsor, to be considered for an athletic scholarship.
- ◆ Write an essay stating "What being in Athletics has meant to me at China Spring and how athletics has prepared me for the future."
- ◆ Return to **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Enclose recent photo.
- ◆ List the Athletic Booster Committees your parent(s) have served on which may also include volunteer work such as concessions, spirit shack, fundraising activities, or worked school athletic events.
- ◆ List all athletic honors awarded to you during your High School career.
- ◆ List all sports played in each grade from Middle School through High School.
- ◆ List SAT score and/or ACT scores.
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation (1 from adult, 1 from student, 1 from teacher).
- ◆ Up to 8 scholarships may be awarded with a value of \$500 each.

### **2.) CHINA SPRING PTA**

- ◆ Write an essay stating how the PTA scholarship will benefit you including any additional information you wish to be considered in our decision. For example: exceptional hardships, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal responsibilities, exceptional achievements or special talents; educational goal and choice of majors.
- ◆ Student must be a member of the Elementary PTA on or before February 29<sup>th</sup> of the applicant's senior year.
- ◆ Must have minimum of 2.5 GPA.
- ◆ Return to **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Two \$1000 scholarships given annually.
- ◆ Application complete with Student Organizations, Extra-Curricular Activities and Community Involvement area filled out if applicable.

### 3.) CHINA SPRING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

- ◆ Applicant must have participated in the CSYAA.
- ◆ Indicate the number of participation years in the CSYAA.
- ◆ List the participation years and sports in the CSYAA.
- ◆ A minimum of 20 volunteer hours to CSYAA is required.
- ◆ Since your participation in the CSYAA programs, describe what you have done to contribute or give back to the association (ex: referee or umpire, concession stand worker, fundraiser, scorekeeper, field maintenance, etc.).
- ◆ Write an essay on how your life has been influenced by the CSYAA.
- ◆ CSYAA will award up to six \$500 scholarships.
- ◆ Return to **Counseling Center by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**

### 4.) CSHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- ◆ Application must be completed during applicant's own time, never during class.
- ◆ Return application to **Sponsor by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Applicant must be a NHS member.
- ◆ Write an essay explaining how your membership in NHS has changed or enhanced your life.
- ◆ Make a list of NHS leadership roles and service activities with NHS club only.

### 5.) CHINA SPRING BAND BOOSTER

- ◆ Return application to **Band Director by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Applicants must complete a Band Scholarship Student Form which can be obtained from the Band Director. This form must be turned in with the application.
- ◆ Parents should be a member of the Band Boosters by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the applicants' senior year.

### 6.) CHINA SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

- ◆ Open to students who maintained ACTIVE membership in STUCO their 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 grade years (minimum).
- ◆ Applicants should include 1 one page minimum (double spaced) essay that details why they feel that they should receive this scholarship.
- ◆ Applicants should ALSO include a 1 page minimum (double spaced) essay that details their favorite experiences from their time in the high school Student Council as well as suggestions for potential improvements the organization can make for future years.
- ◆ Return application to **STUCO Sponsor by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**

### 7.) ELECTRIC BLUES

- ◆ Write an essay on the lessons you have learned through your involvement with the Electric Blues that you believe will help you succeed in life after high school.
- ◆ Return application to the **Counseling Center by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Amount of scholarship is dependent upon funds.
- ◆ All applicants must be in compliance with all dance team bylaws and guidelines, and must be in good financial standing with no outstanding balances owed to the Dance Team Director or Booster Club. Any member who does not continue with the team throughout the year, which is tryout to tryout, will not be considered for a scholarship.
- ◆ Parents must be paid members of the Booster Club as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school (in August), at the beginning of the applicants senior year, to be considered for a scholarship.
- ◆ Please provide (3) letters of recommendation.
- ◆ What additional personal information do you wish to include in your application to be considered in our decision? For example: exceptional hardships, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal

responsibilities; exceptional achievements or special talents such as poetry, artwork, etc.; educational goals and choice of major; long-term life goals. (Submit documentation and persons to contact for verification, if appropriate).

## 8.) CHINA SPRING CHOIR BOOSTERS

- ◆ Return application to **Choir Director by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm.**
- ◆ On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:
  1. Number of years of participation in a school choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school). Participation in choir at a school other than China Spring may be counted for any of those seven years.
  2. List each audition for All-Region Choir and each time you were selected for All-Region Choir from 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - ❖ Middle School All-Region Choir – audition, selected for All-Region Choir.
    - ❖ High School All-Region Choir – audition, selected for High School All-Region Choir.
    - ❖ High School Pre-Area qualifier
    - ❖ High School Area qualifier
    - ❖ Selected for All-State Choir
  3. Write a short essay (no more than 130 words) on “What being in our choir has meant to me and what life lessons it has taught me.”

## 9.) CHINA SPRING EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

- ◆ Return a copy of the application to **Counseling Center by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Must be used during the year following the recipient’s graduation to attend a college or university of his/her choice as a full time student (12 hours or more).
- ◆ The Scholarship Committee, consisting of the Board of Directors and President, will select the recipient based on the student’s character, grades, test scores, needs, and desire to attend college. As needed the high school administration/counselor will be consulted during the selection process.
- ◆ Attach an essay to include any additional personal information that you wish to be considered in our decision. For example: exceptional hardship, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal responsibilities; exceptional achievements or special talents such as poetry, performing arts, artwork, bilingual proficiency, educational goals and choice of major. Submit documentation and persons to contact for verification if appropriate.
- ◆ The annual scholarship will be for \$500 or an amount as determined by the Board of Directors and officers.
- ◆ **Only complete applications will be reviewed for consideration**

## 10.)C.S.H.S. PRINCIPAL’S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Return to **Counseling Center by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Scholarships will be awarded; students can apply for a merit based scholarship or needs based scholarship.
- ◆ To apply for the merit based scholarship write an essay describing how you will use the scholarship to continue your education.
- ◆ To apply for the needs based scholarship write an essay describing how China Spring ISD has impacted your life.

## 11.)CSHS INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Applicant must submit the CSHS Common Application.
- ◆ Applicant must submit a photocopy of ITS membership credentials and awards certificates.
- ◆ Applicant must submit a 100-300 word essay explaining educational goals and financial need.
- ◆ Please note: Only International Thespian Society Members will be awarded a scholarship. ITS membership does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded.
- ◆ Return to **Counseling Center by March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm.**

## 12.) CHINA SPRING ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- ◆ Return application to **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Applicant must be enrolled as a CSISD student as of October 1 of their senior year.
- ◆ Applicant must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher.
- ◆ Must be used during the year following the recipient's graduation to attend a college or university of his/her choice as a full time student (12 hours or more).
- ◆ The Scholarship committee, consisting of the Board of Directors and President, will select the recipient based on the student's character, grades, test scores, needs, and desire to attend college. As needed the high school administration/counselor will be consulted during the selection process.
- ◆ Include an essay of 100-150 words with additional personal information you wish to be considered in our decision. For example: exceptional hardship, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal responsibilities; exceptional achievements or special talents such as poetry, artwork, bilingual proficiency etc.; educational goals and choice of major; ways you will contribute to the commitment that the university has made to create an institution with a diverse learning environment. Submit documentation and persons to contact for verification if appropriate.
- ◆ No resume required.
- ◆ ALL THREE REFERENCES must be from adults with personal knowledge of the applicant.
- ◆ The annual scholarship will be for \$500 or an amount as determined by the Board of Directors and officers.

## 13.) RANDY LEASLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ The RLSF, in conjunction with the Waco Foundation, will present one graduating China Spring senior with a one-time scholarship of \$5,000 towards his or her first semester at an institution of higher learning.
- ◆ The only criterion for application is that the student has a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and be ranked in the top half of the class.
- ◆ The selection committee is searching for the student who best typifies the kindness, zest for life, work ethic, and willingness to help others displayed by Randy Leasley in his 18 years as a teacher and coach at China Spring High School.
- ◆ In addition to this form, applicants should submit an essay on "Describe a significant setback, challenge or opportunity in your life and the impact that it has had on you." The statement of purpose will provide an opportunity to explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel could add value to your application. You may also want to explain unique aspects of your academic background or valued experiences you may have had that relate to your academic discipline. The statement of purpose is not meant to be a listing of accomplishments in high school or a record of your participation in school-related activities. Rather, this is your opportunity to address the committee directly and to let us know more about you as an individual, in a manner that your transcripts and other application information cannot convey."
- ◆ Finalists will interview with the RLSF committee.
- ◆ Return application and essay by email to **Luke Gilliam** [gilliamluke@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliamluke@yahoo.com). (You must submit your letters of recommendation and transcript copy by mail if you submit the application by email) **or** turn in your **COMPLETE APPLICATION to Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**

## 14.) CHINA SPRING COUGARS IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Applicant must be a senior and an active member of the China Spring Cougars in Action.
- ◆ Performing or has performed in an officer position.
- ◆ Have at least a grade point average of 3.0.
- ◆ Participate in two or more club projects in the senior year.
- ◆ Submit a narrative on "Why a Student Should Be a Member of Cougars in Action."
- ◆ Return application to the **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ The Scholarship Committee consisting of China Spring CIA Sponsors will select the recipient.

## 15.) IN EASTON'S NAME MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 one time scholarship.

- ◆ Applicant must be a PAL 1 or PAL 2.
- ◆ Essay Required – Topic: “You are never guaranteed tomorrow, so if today were your last day how would you want to be remembered?” We would like to know more about your individual accomplishments rather than your academic ones.
- ◆ Return application to the **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**

And an excerpt written by the mother of Easton Mathew:

Easton Mathew was our second son, our Monkey, a little brother, and an absolute joy to our lives. The first 10 days of his life were a little rough, but that didn't hold him back a bit. He was a fireball of activity, and he kept us on our toes from the time we brought him home. He was a brown eyed, crazy haired, plump-cheeked, Momma's boy. He loved his big brother and would let him roll him around on the floor, tackle him, or push him around in the yard in the wagon or on the tricycle. Easton loved to eat, he loved to make noise, he loved to be entertained, and he loved to be carried around. You absolutely could not walk by him without picking him up! The one year we spent with Easton on this earth was such a blessing, and we are forever grateful for that time we spent with him. Do we have regrets? Would we have changed anything? Could we have done anything different? These are questions we ask ourselves everyday- and we probably will for the rest of our lives. Our challenge to you is this- Live like TODAY is your last day, like you don't know when you'll leave this earth, like you don't know if you'll wake up tomorrow. Live without regret, tomorrow is not promised. Now tell us, if today were your last day- what would be YOUR legacy? How would you be remembered?

## 16.)CHINA SPRING UIL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Applicant must have taken an active role in participating in UIL, Academics, and/or Speech and Debate during their senior year of high school. Special consideration will be given to students who have participated on the team for more than one year of their **HIGH SCHOOL** career.
- ◆ Applications should be turned into the **UIL Academic Coordinator by Thursday, March 21st at 3:00 pm.**
- ◆ Attach an academic resume that includes any and all accomplishments related to extracurricular activities (in addition to your academic performance). Pay special attention to your record in UIL Academic events – include a list of any awards or accomplishments you made with those teams.
- ◆ Attach an essay (up to two pages 1.5 spaced maximum) that indicates how your experience with UIL Academics and/or speech and debate has helped prepare you for the next step in your life.

## 17.)CHINA SPRING ART CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Applicant must have been in the Art Club.
- ◆ Application must be **returned to Art Club Sponsor by March 21st at 3:40 pm.**
- ◆ Attach an essay which includes any additional personal information that you wish to be a consideration in our decision? For example: exceptional hardship, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal responsibilities; exceptional achievements or special talents such as poetry, artwork, bilingual proficiency etc.; educational goals and choice of major; ways you may contribute to the commitment that the university has made to create an institution with a diverse learning environment. Submit documentation and list the persons to contact for verification if appropriate.
- ◆ ALL application requirements apply.

## 18.)CHINA SPRING ART SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Must be a senior.
- ◆ Must have taken an Art class in high school or be in Art club.
- ◆ Attach a 1 page essay on the importance of Art in schools and how it has influenced you.
- ◆ Attach a 2 piece portfolio of your artwork (copies NOT originals). This can be hardcopies or submitted through an online format. Be creative!

- ◆ Send to Mrs. Bryan at **abryan@chinaspringisd.net by March 21st at 3:40 pm.**
- ◆ If done online and e-mailed to Mrs. Bryan, please check with her to see if he received it by March 16th. We have spam filters!

### **19.) PAUL ARNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Return a copy of the application to **Counseling Center by March 21st at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ Scholarship must be used during the year following the recipient's graduation at attend a college or university of his/her choice as a full time student. (12 hours or more)
- ◆ Attach an essay to include any additional personal information that you wish to be considered in our decision. For example: exceptional hardship, setback or personal experience that has shaped your abilities or academic credentials; personal educational goals and choice of major. Submit documentation and persons to contact for verification if appropriate.
- ◆ The annual scholarship will be for \$500.
- ◆ **Only complete applications will be reviewed for consideration.**