

HOUSTON AREA SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

Instructions

Enclosed is a wealth of information on a variety of scholarships offered exclusively for Houston High School seniors. You may apply for as many as all of them, or as few as one. Regardless, you have to fill out only one application, write only one essay, and provide only one copy of three reference letters (note specific requirements for each scholarship). Some of them do require more information from you, however. Those pages are on the back of the sheets explaining the scholarship qualifications.

Here are the steps you need to follow in order to adequately apply for these scholarships:

1. Read over the entire packet, finding the scholarships that suit you.
2. Separate those sheets which you need to fill out from the ones you do not. Discard those you do not need.
3. Check on the first page those scholarships for which you are applying. Fill out the rest of this first sheet.
4. Compose your essay as indicated on the bottom of the first page. This will be the second page of your application.
5. Fill out the Involvement Record.
6. Get needed recommendation letters. If you need copies of ones submitted for your Career Passport, please get them from Mrs. Merickel early and do not wait until you turn in your packet.
7. Fill out the pages for each specific scholarship, as needed.
8. Obtain an official copy of your seven semester transcript from the guidance office.
9. Arrange the pages in alphabetical order according to the name of each scholarship.
10. Reread everything you have written. The people on each scholarship committee take what you write very seriously. Therefore you need to as well. Have a parent, teacher, or friend proofread it for you. Make changes as needed.
11. Turn in the finalized packet to the Guidance Office by **Friday March 2, 2018**.
Absolutely no late applications will be accepted.

So it will be:

Page 1: First page of packet

Page 2: Personal Essay

Page 3: Involvement Record

Page 4: Transcript

Pages 5-7: Reference Letters

After References: all pages you have filled out, in alphabetical order according to scholarship, filled-out side up

If at any time you have questions or need assistance, please first consult these directions, then see Mrs. Merickel.

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Please check all scholarships for which you wish to be considered.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Ayers Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardin-Houston Athletic Booster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardin-Houston Band Booster | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardin-Houston Board of Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardin-Houston Education Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Kemp Memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarence Knouff Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Grace Knouff Memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pepsi Partnership | |

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Address _____ Phone _____

College/University to which you have been accepted and plan to attend:

College major or course of study:

Personal Information – Please answer in short sentences.

Career Interests

Academic Plans

Other information you would like the scholarship committees to consider

Please list any and all scholarships and financial aid you have been awarded up to this point

Anticipated Expenses (one year) Tuition \$_____ Room & Board \$_____

Misc. Fees \$_____ Books & Personal Expenses \$_____ Transportation \$_____

Total \$_____

**Please type your personal essay on a separate page. Address the following topic in one page:
 “Why I should be the recipient of this scholarship.”**

SCOTT AYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

This scholarship shall financially assist a deserving graduate from Houston High School to attend an accredited program at a two or four year college or university or technical school.

Award:

A one-time amount of \$500 will be awarded to a beginning full-time freshman student. One payment will be made directly to the educational institution for the first semester or quarter of the second year of study.

Eligibility:

*Applicant must have been a participating member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) for a minimum of two years in high school.

*Applicant must have applied and been accepted at the accredited institution of their choice.

*Applicant must complete all requested application materials.

Application Process:

1. Complete application form.
2. Attach a high school transcript based on seven semesters.
3. Attach FFA service record.
4. Request a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a community leader or teacher who is familiar with participation in FFA.

Deadline: All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018 to the high school counselor.

Selection Process: The selection committee could be composed of the high school principal, counselor, FFA Adviser, and members of the Ayers family or their designee. The committee members will review application materials and select the applicants who may then be requested to be interviewed in March. If interviewed, the applicant will be evaluated on: personal grooming and appearance, quality of answers to predetermined questions, completeness of application materials, and service to school and the community through participation in FFA. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the FFA end-of-the-year banquet and recognized at the high school graduation ceremony.

I have read the conditions of the scholarship and I wish to apply. I give permission to the selection committee to review application materials, and to the Ayers family to release appropriate publicity.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

HARDIN-HOUSTON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Athlete Name _____

Sport _____ **Years** 9 10 11 12

Awards or Honors:

Sport _____ **Years** 9 10 11 12

Awards or Honors:

Sport _____ **Years** 9 10 11 12

Awards or Honors:

Sport _____ **Years** 9 10 11 12

Awards or Honors:

HARDIN-HOUSTON BAND BOOSTER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The person selected to receive the Hardin-Houston Band Booster Association Scholarship should:

1. Be graduating from Houston High School with the current class.
2. Be a senior band, jazz band or chorus member.
3. Be accepted to a two-year or four-year college or university.
4. Show a record of service to the school through band or other music activities.
5. Demonstrate moral worthiness, honesty, above average character, and leadership.
6. Demonstrate a desire for further education.
7. Submit with his or her application, personal written recommendations from one faculty member and two non-school, non-family members.
8. Appear before the Scholarship Committee to be interviewed (if requested) before final selection is made.
9. Submit a High School Transcript.

These are the ideals expressed by the Scholarship Committee. As it is likely very few persons will excel in every criterion listed, the scholarship committee encourages all interested seniors to apply.

This scholarship is paid to the school, college, or university at the start of the student's second year. Students should present a bill to the Houston Band Boosters treasurer to request the \$500 scholarship. The \$500 scholarship will be sent directly to the student's school, college, or university.

Deadline: All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018.

HARDIN-HOUSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: The Hardin-Houston Board of Education members shall assist deserving graduates from Houston High School to attend an accredited program at a two or four year college or university or a technical school.

Award: The amount and number of scholarships will be determined yearly based upon available funds. Scholarships will be awarded for beginning, full-time freshmen students. Payment will be made to the education institution in two equal payments for semester calendar schools or three equal payments for quarter calendar schools. Students must apply the scholarship their freshman year and present a tuition bill from their intended institution to the school treasurer before any payment will be made.

Eligibility: Applicant must have a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative grade point average.
Applicant must have applied and been accepted at the institution of their choice.
Applicant must complete all requested application materials.
Sons or daughters of Hardin-Houston Board of Education members are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

Application Process: Complete application form. Attach a seven-semester high school grade transcript. Request and attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher and a community leader (4-H advisor, minister, employer, etc.).

Deadline: Application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018 to the school counselor.

Selection Process: The selection committee shall be composed of three members of the Hardin-Houston Board of Education, one school administrator (high school principal or superintendent), and one faculty member (counselor or teacher). The committee members will review application materials and select award recipients. The applicants will be evaluated on: completeness, accuracy, and neatness of application materials, demonstrated financial need, and service to the school through participation in scholarship, leadership, and service activities (athletics, music, class offices, clubs, etc.)

Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of the decision of the selection committee.

I have read the conditions of the scholarship and I wish to apply. I give permission to the selection committee to review application materials, and to the Hardin-Houston Board of Education members to release appropriate publicity.

Signature of Applicant

Date

HARDIN-HOUSTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

These are the ideals expressed by the teachers of the Hardin-Houston Local Schools for the recipient of their annual scholarship. It is a rare individual who excels in every criterion listed, so we encourage all interested persons to apply.

The person who receives the HHEA Scholarship should:

- *Be a senior, graduating from Houston High School with the current class.
- *Be accepted to a two or four-year technical school, college, or university.
- *Demonstrate a habit of dedicated attendance to school and punctuality in work.
- *Demonstrate moral worthiness, honesty, above average character, and leadership.
- *Show a record of service to the school through activities, organizations, or athletics.
- *Demonstrate a strong desire for further education and a high probability of completing the full course of work toward the chosen degree.
- *Have a real financial need for the money.
- *Submit with the application form a personal essay, a written recommendation from one faculty member, and recommendations from two other persons not associated with the schools.
- *Appear before the HHEA Scholarship Committee to be interviewed before final selection is made.

NOTE:

This scholarship is paid to the school, college, or university at the start of the student's second year.

Application deadline is March 2, 2018.

The amount of the scholarship will be \$1000.

Applicants will be ranked 1-2-3-4-5-6 ... in such categories as grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, school attendance, personal essay, recommendations, leadership and activities, financial need, and the interview, which may count as much as 50% in the decision. *Members of the HHEA Scholarship Committee are not eligible to write recommendations for this scholarship.* This year's committee members are:

Deanna Chappie, Nate Fridley, Cara Kellersmith, Julie Kies, Gina Maier, Molly McKee,
Stephanie Merickel, and Gwen Shoemaker

ADAM KEMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

This scholarship shall financially assist a deserving graduate from Houston High School to attend an accredited program at a two or four year college or university or a technical school.

Award:

A total of \$500 will be awarded for a beginning full-time freshman student. One payment will be made directly to the educational institution for the first semester of the second year of study. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined yearly based on available funds.

Eligibility:

- *Applicant must have applied and been accepted at the accredited institution of their choice.
- *Applicant must complete all requested application materials.
- *Applicant must be a member of the Houston High School graduating class and reside in the Hardin-Houston Local School District.
- *Applicant must verify a minimum of ten hours of community service
- *Applicant must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average based upon grades from their junior year and first semester of their senior year.
- *Applicant must not be ranked first or second in the class.

Application Process:

1. Complete application form.
2. Attach a high school transcript listing grade point average based on seven semesters
3. Attach a community service verification form (on reverse side of this page)
4. Request and attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or community leader

Deadline:

All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018 to the high school counselor.

Selection Process:

The selection committee shall be composed of the high school principal, school counselor, and a member of the Kemp family or their designee. The committee members will review application materials and select the applicants who may then be requested to be interviewed in March or April. If interviewed, the applicant will be evaluated on: personal grooming and appearance, quality of answers to predetermined questions, completeness of application materials, and service through participation in scholarship, leadership, and service activities (athletics, music, class officer, academics, etc.) The recipient will be notified at the Graduation Commencement ceremony of the decision of the selection committee.

I have read the conditions of the scholarship and I wish to apply. I give permission to the selection committee to review application materials, and the Kemp family to release appropriate publicity.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

**COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION
ADAM KEMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Activity: _____

Date(s)

Number of Hours:

Short Description of Activity

Signature of Adult Supervisor _____

Activity: _____

Date(s)

Number of Hours:

Short Description of Activity

Signature of Adult Supervisor _____

Activity: _____

Date(s)

Number of Hours:

Short Description of Activity

CLARENCE KNOUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

This scholarship shall financially assist a deserving graduate from Houston High School to attend an accredited program at a two or four year college or university or a technical school.

Award:

A total of \$1000 will be awarded for a beginning full-time freshman student. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution in two equal payments for semester calendar schools or three equal payments for quarter calendar schools.

Eligibility:

Applicant must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average based upon grades from their junior year and first semester of their senior year.

Applicant must have applied and been accepted at the accredited institution of their choice.

Applicant must not be ranked first or second in the class.

Applicant must complete all requested application materials.

Application Process:

Complete application form.

Attach a high school transcript listing grade point average, class rank, and ACT scores. Request a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader (4-H advisor, minister, etc.).

Deadline:

All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018 to the high school counselor.

Selection Process:

The selection committee shall be composed of the high school principal, guidance counselor, and a member of the Knouff family or their designee. The committee members will review application materials and select the applicants who may then be requested to be interviewed in March or April. If interviewed, the applicant will be evaluated on: personal grooming and appearance, quality of answers to predetermined questions, completeness of application materials, and service to school through participation in scholarship, leadership, and service activities (athletics, music, class officer, academics, etc.) Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision of the selection committee.

I have read the conditions of the scholarship and I wish to apply. I give permission to the selection committee to review application materials, and to the Knouff family to release appropriate publicity.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

GRACE KNOUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

This scholarship shall financially assist a deserving graduate from Houston High School to attend Edison Community College.

Award:

A total of \$1000 will be awarded for a beginning full-time freshman student. Payment will be made directly to Edison Community College. Payment will be \$500.00 per year and be divided equally per semester.

Eligibility:

Applicant must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average based upon grades from their junior year and first semester of their senior year.

Applicant must have applied and been accepted at Edison Community College.

Applicant must not be ranked first or second in the class.

Applicant must complete all requested application materials.

Application Process:

Complete application form.

Attach a high school transcript listing grade point average, class rank, and ACT scores.

Request a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader (4-H advisor, minister, etc.).

Deadline:

All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2018 to the high school counselor.

Selection Process:

The selection committee shall be composed of the high school principal, school counselor, and a member of the Knouff family or their designee. The committee members will review application materials and select the applicants who may then be requested to be interviewed in March or April. If interviewed, the applicant will be evaluated on: personal grooming and appearance, quality of answers to predetermined questions, completeness of application materials, and service to school through participation in scholarship, leadership, and service activities (athletics, music, class officer, academics, etc.) Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision of the selection committee.

I have read the conditions of the scholarship and I wish to apply. I give permission to the selection committee to review application materials, and to the Knouff family to release appropriate publicity.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

PEPSI PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The contractual agreement that the Hardin-Houston Local School District shares with Pepsi allows for one scholarship to be awarded each Spring for the duration of the contract. The amount of the scholarship is \$250.00 and is non-renewable.

The grade point average requirement for this scholarship is very specific. The student must have between a 2.50 and a 2.99 cumulative GPA. Students either below or above this window will not be considered.

The student who wishes to apply may do so simply by checking the front page next to the name of this scholarship and filling out the necessary sheets, submitting a transcript and three reference letters. The determination of which applicant receives the scholarship will be up to the discretion of the Houston High School Principal and Hardin-Houston Local School District Superintendent.

Scholarship application is due on March 2, 2018 to the Guidance Office.