

Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation Student Scholarship Application

Deadline Friday, March 22, 2024, by 4:00 PM

Late or Incomplete Applications will NOT be accepted

WBEF Scholarships: The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation annually awards \$1,000 scholarships. The total number of recipients each year will vary. The amount of available funds for scholarships will be determined by the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation before each funding year.

Hugh & Brenda Sandifer Scholarships: The WBEF also will select one male and one female athlete to receive \$5,000 scholarships funded by Wylie graduate Case Keenum in honor of retired Wylie Coach Hugh Sandifer and former Wylie counselor Brenda Sandifer. Applicants must have participated in a Wylie sport and must submit a reference letter from a coach in that sport in addition to fulfilling ALL other requirements in this application. Applicants must check the YES box in the application to indicate they want to be considered for this scholarship.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a senior in 2023-2024 and must have attended Wylie Independent School District for his/her entire senior year in 2023-2024.
- Applicants are eligible regardless of age, sex, race, creed, or religious association.
- Applicant shall have at least a "B" average.
- Scholarship winners must attend an accredited university, two-year college, or technical school in the fall of 2024.
- The applicant shall be free of legal entanglements with Wylie ISD.
- The applicant shall NOT have received another scholarship that pays all room/board and tuition.

Guidelines

- All information provided to the Scholarship Committee shall be considered private and confidential and for use only by the committee during the selection process. **All information should be typed. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Please provide 7 hole-punched copies of your application, references, and all additional pages.** (If the person you ask to be a reference does not have access to a copy machine, those copies will be made for them.)
- Scholarships will be payable to the Office of Financial Aid at the post-secondary institution chosen by the recipient.
- Any funds not distributed due to the recipient's failure to provide WBEF with proof of full-time enrollment, Student ID number, and campus address where to send the funds or any refunds due to the recipient's withdrawal from classes shall be refunded to the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation.
- All decisions shall be considered final.
- If you have any questions about the application, please contact Denise Blake at **dblake0330@gmail.com** or **325-669-6621** (Cell phone so call or text.)

Obligations of recipient

- Each recipient must take courses totaling at least 12 hours or be considered a full-time student by the university or college to be eligible for a scholarship.
- The recipient is required to notify Candy Reagan of the choice of school and address of the Financial Aid office by **August 1, 2024**. Candy's address is 1315 Todd Trail, Abilene, TX 79602. If the recipient is unable to register by that date, contact Candy Reagan to make other arrangements at 325-660-0292.

Evaluation Criteria - Students will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Financial Need
- GPA/SAT/ACT Scores
- 2 Reference Assessments of Candidate (3 for the Sandifer Scholarship)
- Community Involvement
- Leadership Skills
- Personal Essay

Application Packet Checklist

- Applicants must complete the WBEF Student Scholarship application form. (THIS form)
- Applicant must attach a 300 to 500-word essay on a separate page that explains why you want to go to college and how receiving this award will impact your ability to attend college (either a four-year university, a two-year junior college, or a technical school). What are your career interests/goals and what has motivated you toward this direction? What do you hope to accomplish with your life? Add any information about yourself that you feel is important for the scholarship selection committee to know about you (such as you are one of eight children, or single parent household, family job loss, etc.) If there has been a major obstacle in your life that you have had to overcome (or are continuing to overcome), you might consider disclosing this information. Consider this essay a way to let the selection committee know what type of person you are and why you deserve this award. **The essay must be signed by the applicant to indicate it is the applicant's original work.**
- Please sign here to authorize the selection committee to get a copy of the applicant's high school transcripts through the fall of their senior year including ACT/SAT scores.

Signature: _____

- Applicant must have two completed Reference Forms (use the reference form at the end of this application). At least one reference form must be from a teacher. A second reference could be another teacher, administrator, coach, employer, or a person over 21 years old *not related to you*. (The Sandifer Scholarship requires a third letter from a coach.) Be sure to sign each reference form authorizing the reference to give information about you. **Follow up with references to verify they have completed the reference form on time. Do not let a late reference be the reason you are not considered for a scholarship. Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes for your reference's convenience are a great idea. Reference letter envelopes should be signed over the seal by the writer. All Reference letters should be mailed to the Administration Office on Buffalo Gap Road. (Address below)**
- Completed application packets may be hand delivered to the WISD Administration building no later than March 22, 2024, at 4 PM or postmarked by March 22, 2024, and mailed to:

WBEF – Student Scholarships, attn: Denise Blake
6251 Buffalo Gap Road
Abilene, TX 79606

***Your application process is considered incomplete without all the items listed above.**

Please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's tax return.

___ Under \$25,000 ___ \$25,000 to \$60,000 ___ \$60,000 to \$95,000
___ \$95,000 to \$150,000 ___ \$150,000 - \$250,000 ___ \$250,000 - \$400,000
___ More than \$400,000

Please be prepared to provide copies of pages 1 & 2 of your tax return if requested.

Approximate amount of college financial aid you will receive from all sources (include other scholarships awarded, amount contributed annually by parents or grandparents, amount to be contributed from student's savings, and any college/university offerings):

How do you intend to finance the remaining expenses? (parents' income, savings, loans, working)

Academic Achievements/Transcript Information:

How many years at Wylie ISD _____ Cumulative GPA _____

SAT score _____ and/or ACT score _____ (if applicable)

Current class rank _____

Extra-Curricular Activities:

List any extra-curricular activities in which you participated while in high school. Please note any special honors received or offices held. (Attach an additional page if more space is needed)

Have you been involved in community service? Please explain. (Attach additional pages as needed)

List specific Leadership roles you have held or any positions you were in where you were able to show and develop your Leadership potential. Tell us about those opportunities. (Please attach additional pages as needed.)

List details concerning present or past employment. (Add pages if more space is needed)

| <u>Employer</u> | <u>Dates of Employment</u> | <u>Approx. # of hours worked per week</u> | <u>Type of Work</u> |
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Certification: *I understand that by signing this application, I am stating that all information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have not falsified or misrepresented any information contained in this application packet.*

Name (printed): _____

Name (signed) _____

Date _____

Please be sure your application packet for the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation Scholarship is complete prior to March 22, 2024.



Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation
Student Scholarship
Applicant Reference Form
 Due March 22, 2024

Applicant's Name _____

So that the Scholarship Selection Committee may appraise his/her application for a scholarship, please provide a candid evaluation, which will be held in confidence by the Wylie committee. *Please make 7 copies of your reference if you have access to a copy machine. If not, copies will be made for you.

| | Outstanding | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Unknown |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Personal Integrity | | | | | |
| Communication Skills | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | |
| Service to Others | | | | | |
| Motivation/Determination | | | | | |
| Leadership* | | | | | |

Please comment about the applicant's potential or personal qualities that you feel would help assess his/her qualifications. Please note any distinctive talents or qualities, special personal interests, and/or unusual family circumstances. *Please give us specific examples of why you scored the candidate as you did for Leadership. Feel free to attach an additional page as necessary.

 Signature

 Title, Position, or Relationship to the Applicant

 Print full name

 Organization or Company (if employed)

 E-mail/Phone #

 Years acquainted with the applicant

I hereby authorize the above-named individual to communicate his/her evaluation of my qualifications for the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation Scholarship, for its sole use using whatever records he/she may have available. In addition, I authorize and instruct the selection committee to hold these references and evaluations in complete confidence, permitting no one outside the designated committee, including myself, to examine them.

 Applicant's Signature

 Date

Please mail or drop off this evaluation before **March 22, 2024**, to:
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 Abilene, TX 79606