



# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

## Spirit Scholarship

**DEADLINE MAY 1st @ 4:15pm.**

### THE PROGRAM

The Westside High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has established a scholarship program to help finance education for children of its members. The program is independently managed by the Westside High School Scholarship Committee, a school-based educational support team consisting of WHS faculty and directed by the College Counselor. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

### ELIGIBILITY

Spirit Scholarships will be awarded to up to five (5) graduating seniors. Applicants must:

- Have demonstrated their Westside spirit through involvement in Westside High School activities;
- Be a graduating high school senior in good standing;
- Have a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Be enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a full or part-time course of study at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university, or another accredited institution of post-secondary skill training;
- Applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of the PTO by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards are \$1,000 each. A total of up to five (5) scholarships will be awarded each year.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. All information submitted is confidential and will be reviewed by WHS Scholarship Committee personnel only. Students must:

1. Prepare a list of activities at Westside which he/she promoted Westside spirit.
2. Submit electronically --“How I Have Demonstrated Westside High School Spirit”—which may be shown in the following formats:
  - an essay (up to 250 words) or
  - in a format including visuals (with up to 150 words)—
    - posters (up to 22” x 28”),
    - scrapbooks/brochures (upto 4 pages 10”x10”/8.5”x11”),
    - Power Point (6 slides), or
    - video (45-90 seconds).
- Supplemental items must be scanned or be in an electronic format and attached to the application email. NO PAPER/HARD COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
3. Once the scanned application is received, the student transcript and recommendations will be pulled from Naviance by the Westside College Counselor.



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### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations may be written by WHS teachers, coaches, club sponsors, administrators, or staff.
- Recommendations can be requested in Naviance. [Request the letter from the College Counselor and upload it into Naviance for the teacher, coach, etc., to access it.]

*Please be sure to give each teacher or staff member enough time to complete recommendation form in Naviance before the **May 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.*

**The application must be SCANNED and supplemental items, such as the essay or visual presentation, must be in electronic format or SCANNED and attached to the application email.**

**EMAIL the application, (with the attachments), to Mrs. Alaina Turner at [aturner1@houstonisd.org](mailto:aturner1@houstonisd.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:15pm deadline. NO PAPER/HARD COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### RECIPIENT SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of activities and participation in school activities, and adult recommendations.

Scholarships awarded will be based on WHS Scholarship Committee selection procedures and available funds. Not all applicants will receive awards.

Selection of recipients will be made by the WHS Scholarship Committee. In no instance will any member or officer of WHS PTO participate in the selection. All applicants will be notified of their status on or before Senior Awards Night.

### PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Scholarship payments will be authorized by the WHS Scholarship Committee and processed by the PTO Treasurer. Checks will be made payable directly to the college, university or post-secondary training institute provided by the **scholarship recipient with form due to WHS PTO Treasurer by June 1.**

### OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship recipients must enroll in their education programs no later than twelve (12) months after their awards are given. Recipients have no obligations to the WHS PTO. They are, however, required to notify the PTO Treasurer of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other pertinent information.

### REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarships are made are subject to periodic review by the WHS PTO, including termination of the program.



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### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the Westside High School PTO Spirit Scholarship Program, or to download a copy of the scholarship application, please visit Naviance or the PTO website <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/scholarship> and Click **PTO Scholarship**.

**OR**

Contact: Ms. Alaina Turner  
Westside High School College Access Center  
[aturner1@houstonisd.org](mailto:aturner1@houstonisd.org)



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## Application Form

**DEADLINE MAY 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:15pm**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and email this application to Ms. Turner to [aturner1@houstonisd.org](mailto:aturner1@houstonisd.org) by **May 1**. Be sure to include the following attachments, either scanned or attached electronically:

- this cover sheet
- list of WHS activities demonstrating school spirit
- your 250-word essay or visual demonstration with electronic files emailed to [aturner1@houstonisd.org](mailto:aturner1@houstonisd.org)
- names of two (2) teacher/staff providing recommendations

Teacher/staff name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Students: If you need a teacher or staff member recommendation, please request a copy of the Adult Recommendation from the College Counselor and upload it to Naviance. Please be sure to give each teacher or staff member enough time to complete recommendation before the **May 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.*