



# Dwayne Billingsley Memorial Scholarship Program

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## THE PROGRAM

The Texas Sign Association has established a scholarship program to assist its member companies' employees and employees' children who plan to continue education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®. Scholarship America is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Dwayne Billingsley Scholarship Program must be -

- Full-time employees of a Texas Sign Association member company who have a minimum of one year of employment with the company as of the application deadline date, OR
- Dependent\* children, age 24 and under, of full-time employees of a Texas Sign Association member company who have a minimum of one year of employment with the company as of the application deadline date, AND
- High school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students who are already enrolled in a full-time\*\* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school.

*\*Dependent children are defined as natural and legally adopted children or stepchildren living in the employee's household or primarily supported by the employee.*

*\*\*Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

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## AWARDS

The authorized distribution for new awards is up to \$22,000 for the 2018 program year. One (1) \$2,500 Lonnie Stabler Community Service Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who demonstrates a history of exceptional community service and volunteerism. One (1) \$1,500 Platinum Sponsor Scholarship will be awarded. One (1) \$2,000 Hurricane Relief Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who resides within the Hurricane Harvey disaster area. Up to eight (8) additional awards for \$2,000 will be granted. A maximum of two (2) awards will be granted to students who reside outside the state of Texas.

Awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

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## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **April 1**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Unofficial transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

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## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of The Texas Sign Association play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified by late May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

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## **PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship America processes Dwayne Billingsley Memorial scholarship payments on behalf of The Texas Sign Association. Payments are made on August 1. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

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## **OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients are obligated to submit an essay regarding the value of signage to The Texas Sign Association. Further information will be provided at the time of award notification. Recipients are also required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

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## **REVISIONS**

The Texas Sign Association reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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