



**Application for 2026 B.E.S.T. Merit Based Scholarship
Awarded by Greater Texas Credit Union**

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: Bastrop High School, Cedar Creek High School, Elgin High School, Smithville High School and Colorado River Collegiate Academy **Seniors** who will be graduating in December 2026 or May 2027. One scholarship will be given to a senior from each of the 5 schools and be presented during the spring at an on-campus visit. The scholarship funds will be presented directly to the college, university, or trade school after a copy of college registration is submitted or other documentation is provided, depending on the school. The documentation is to be submitted to Greater Texas employee Rachel Bond at rachel.bond@gtfcu.org.

*There must be at least 5 applications from your school, to be awarded the full amount.

Directions: This application must be filled out completely and accurately. Legible, hand-printed applications are perfectly acceptable. **APPLICATION IS DUE at B.E.S.T. College Night, September 23, 2026.** They can be turned in earlier to your counselor. All entries must be received by that time for consideration.

All entries will be judged based on extra-curricular activities, community involvement, scholastic achievement, and essay.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
(First) (Last)

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Are you a US Citizen? _____

Father/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

Mother/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

Number of children in household (excluding yourself)? _____ How many are in college? _____

List ages and sex _____

Are there any unusual circumstances or need for financial aid? _____

List your employment record (or attach your resume)

Employer Position Dates: from- to

2. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

High school GPA _____ Ranked _____ in a class of _____

List all clubs, athletics, awards, and offices held in high school

9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade

Have you applied to college? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

List activities and awards received outside of school and offices held in each (church, Scouts, community service, etc.)

Are you a member of Greater Texas Credit Union? _____

3. Additional Comments or Information _____

4. STUDENT ESSAY

All applicants are required to submit an essay on the topic:

Who is your role model and what did they do to earn that title?

Each essay should be no longer than 500 words, should be typed or printed and enclosed with this application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Obtain at least one recommendation to include with your application.

Please sign and date this application and the authorization form.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

TRANSCRIPT

An unofficial transcript of academic records must be included with your application.

CHECKLIST: Items needed for complete scholarship application

1. Application form
2. Student Essay
3. Recommendation from reference
4. Unofficial School Transcript