



Jeff Austin, Sr., Memorial Scholarship

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Charlie Hooser Memorial Scholarship

First State Bank of Athens offers a scholarship yearly to children of First State Bank customers or graduating seniors who are First State Bank customers to aid in college education at Trinity Valley Community College (Athens, TX) or Navarro College. This scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,200. The recipient will receive \$1,200.00 in payments of \$600.00 per fall and spring semester for one year of college.

The requirements of this scholarship are:

- Applications are due by **May 1st**. Information may be obtained through the school counselor. The recipients will be notified no later than June 1st and the funds will be distributed upon proof of payment to Trinity Valley Community College (Athens, TX) or Navarro College and the student's class schedule. Subsequent distributions will require proof of eligibility (i.e. grades and proof of credit hours) and a copy of the payment receipt.
- To apply, an applicant must be a graduating high school senior and either a customer or child of a customer of First State Bank or one who resides year-round within the customer's residence and is shown as a dependent on the customer's income tax return.
- The customer must be associated with First State Bank for no less than three years as of August 1st of the year the application is made.
- The applicant must submit an application, a personal essay over one of the topics listed, two letters of recommendation, a copy of their most recent high school transcript, and signature of the High School Counselor and/or School Administrator.
- The recipient must be a full-time student carrying at least 12 semester hours and maintain a GPA of 2.50 or above in order to qualify for payment of the next semester's scholarship. The recipient must submit, to First State Bank, a copy of their grades prior to the spring semester. In the event a student does not qualify for the following semester's distribution due to grades or credit hours, they will be allowed to submit their required paperwork for the following semester only if all qualifications are met.
- If the customer is no longer associated with First State Bank, the scholarship will become void at the end of that semester. Forfeited scholarships are non-transferable.
- Scholarship funding will be issued to the recipient once proper documentation from Trinity Valley Community College (Athens, TX) or Navarro College has been provided. Fund usage is limited to tuition, fees, books, supplies, dormitory, and school meal plans.



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Application**

Please **type** or **print** your answers clearly. If application is illegible, it will not be accepted.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Date _____ Year _____

I certify that I am a United States Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America (Circle One)

YES NO

School currently attending: _____

Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space:

Name(s) _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities: _____

List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities: _____

Personal Essay

Please choose one of the essay topics below and answer in 500 words or more.

- Tell us a topic that you have changed your mind on in the past three years.
 - For this essay, don't hesitate to get silly or serious---but make sure you go all the way whichever side you choose! Pick an issue that doesn't immediately come to mind. Try to pinpoint a specific "a ha" moment your opinion changed, and make sure to give an example of how your changed perspective has influenced your behavior.
- If you were to give a very important speech or TED talk, what would it be about?
 - When writing an essay, pick a topic of interest. Additionally, make sure whatever you write about has a clear, one-sentence takeaway that you can stress throughout the essay to give it direction. To prep, you can watch a few TED talks online to help give your essay some voice.
- If you could give any advice to an incoming high school student, what would it be?
 - In this essay, try to stay positive. Give advice about helpful things the student could do to benefit their high school career, rather than pointing out and seemingly complaining about the negative parts of high school and giving advice about it. Be honest about your high school experiences while also displaying the perspective you have gained.

The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

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| YES | NO | Completed, signed application form (this form) |
| YES | NO | Two (2) character references. Include these letters in sealed envelopes |
| YES | NO | A copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average. |
| YES | NO | Personal Essay (500 words minimum) |
| YES | NO | Signature of High School Counselor and/or School Administrator |

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the First State Bank scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to First State Bank Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at Trinity Valley Community College (Athens, TX) or Navarro College.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND/OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Counselor and/or School Administrator

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

REMINDER

The deadline for this application to be received by the First State Bank Scholarship committee is **May 1st, 2023, 4:00 p.m. No Exceptions.** First State Bank Scholarship Committee, Attn: Abra Roberts, P.O. Box 471, Athens, TX 75751. aroberts@bankfsb.com or 903 676-1900.