GREATER HEIGHTS COLLEGE or VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE: February 16, 2024

Eligibility:

1. Any senior planning to attend college or vocational school in the fall.
2. Be from one of the following area schools: Heights High, Waltrip, Northside, Washington, Scarborough, Lutheran North, St. Pius X, St. Thomas, YES (Central), KIPP, Incarnate Word, Law Enforcement H.S., Houston Heights H.S., New Christian Heights Academy, Gateway Academy.

Process:

1. Application review by March 3, 2024 and finalist notified by March 20, 2024
2. In person interview the by the end of March 2024
3. Winners and schools notified in early mid-April 2024
4. Winners and schools awarded at the Education Celebration, April 23, 2024 and winners must be present.
5. Winners must give the higher education financial aid address and student ID by June to the chamber so monies can be sent.; if you notify us later we hope to have it filled for you by the fall semester; the earlier you give it to us, the better.
6. **You must attend the Education Celebration.**

The scholarship check is made out to the institution upon verification of enrollment. Notification of the winner of the scholarship is in May and recipients are honored at the annual Education Celebration.
Please type or legibly print the information to complete this application. Attach additional paper if needed.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address for Mailing (include the zip): _____
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Home Phone (include area code): _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____
School:_____

Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY:

Leadership: List leadership positions/offices held within the past three years; include when and where.

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Work Experience: List work experience below. Include employer, position and responsibilities.

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Honors: List any honor you have received. Name the honor, organization, and year.

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SERVICE: Schools, Community

School: List school organizations you have been involved with, position, and responsibilities/service with the year.

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Community/Volunteer: List activities in which you have participated. Include the organization, responsibilities and years.

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FINANCIAL

1. What is the estimated cost for the total education package for one year (tuition, fees, room and board)? _____
2. What is your family's average yearly income?
   - $20-$35,000
   - $36-$50,000
   - $51-$65,000
   - $65-$80,000
   - Over $80,000
3. Number of dependents in the family:_____
4. Have you or your parents applied for a college grant or loan? _____
   If yes, please list the grants or loans you have applied for

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5. What other scholarships have you applied? _____
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6. Have you been awarded other scholarship monies and if so, what is the total amount you have been awarded.

7. Will you be employed while attending school? _____
   If yes, what is the estimate of your contribution for your expenses?

8. Will you be a full or part-time student? _____

9. What will be your estimated family contribution to your education next year?
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10. Are there any unusual or extenuating circumstances that you are willing to share? _____

If yes, please describe. _____

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ESSAY: On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 700-1000 words on your goals, plans for achieving the goals and how those goals will make a difference in life and the community. Highlight how your life circumstances and/or people in your life has influenced you go forward in your educational endeavor.

RECOMMENDATION: Have no more than two people write a one-page letter of recommendation. No more than one of the recommendations can be from school personnel and none from a family member. That letter is to be in their sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. These envelopes are sent in your application packet.

TRANSCRIPTS: Request that your high school mail a transcript to
Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce: Attention Scholarship Committee
2020 N. Loop West, Ste. 215
Houston, TX. 77018

This/these transcripts must be postmarked on or before the due date.

PACKET COMPLETION:

To complete the packet, please have the following sent in the same envelope:

1. Application form
2. Essay
3. Recommendation(s)
4. Signed Release

Confirm with your school(s) that the transcripts have been mailed.

RELEASE

The undersigned grants permission to be photographed or will submit a photograph and/or be interviewed in connection with the Greater Chamber of Commerce scholarship finalists and winners. The undersigned understands that any such photographs or interviews may be used by the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce for television, films, video, visual, graphic, web or printed media. The undersigned understands and agrees that all information disclosed in the application form is the property of the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce and may be used to help in fundraising; the confidential/privacy aspect of personal information for identity will not be released except for the winner's name and school attending. By signing, the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce is released with respect to any claims related to the usage of such photographs, interviews, or information by the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce and the photograph is then property of the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce.

Signed _____ Date_____

Parent or Guardian must sign if the applicant is under the age of 18.

We, the undersigned, confirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. Applicant and parent must sign below.

Applicant_____Parent/Guardian_____

Date_____

Please note: The application deadline is fixed and non-negotiable. All components of the application packet must be postmarked on or before the deadline. The Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for applications lost in the mail. Once the application has been received, you will be notified of our receipt of your packet. Notification will be by email.

Please note that upon being awarded the scholarship we will need the following information in order to send the monies to your school.

1. **Name of the University**
2. **Address of the Financial Office (not the university) where the aid is to be sent**
3. **Your University ID**

The scholarship dollars will be sent to your school in June. If we do not have this information by June 10 your scholarship could be forfeited or delayed.

Make a copy of this information so you have it. Thank you.
Winners will send this information by email to Cindy Reibenstein, Education Chair at RCReibenstein@aol.com