



2024 Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship Application Packet

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students in 2024.**

Deadline – March 29th, 2024

2024 GONZALES COUNTY AREA GO TEXAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in the Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship and congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

Up to **twelve (12)** scholarships in the amount of **\$5000.00 each** will be awarded to outstanding students who meet the following criteria and are selected by the Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship Committee. The quantity of scholarships or the amount of each scholarship in subsequent years may be adjusted annually at the discretion or necessity of the Committee.

Applicants that attend **public school** may apply for both the Gonzales County Area Go Texan scholarship and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. Eligible applicants are highly encouraged to apply for both as at least one public school applicant will win the \$20,000 HLSR scholarship in each of the applicable Area Go Texan counties. HLSR scholarship recipients will be ineligible to receive the Gonzales County Area Go Texan scholarship. Only one or the other may be received, but not both.

To qualify for this Gonzales County Area Go Texan scholarship, the following guidelines must be met or exceeded:

Section 1: Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must be a documented US Citizen and must meet one of the following sets of criteria to be eligible or considered.

1) All Applicants:

- i) All applicants must have participated in either a Gonzales County FFA chapter or 4-H club for a full two of the four years of high school. A 4-H or FFA advisor must sign the application to verify membership and participation.
- ii) All applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited **Texas** college, university, or technical school in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. Applicants that are accepted and enrolled into out of state colleges, universities, or technical schools must forfeit this scholarship and return any dispersed funds. Any applicant that transfers out of an enrolled Texas college or technical school will disqualify students from collecting any undistributed funds.

2) Residential Requirements:

- i) **Option 1** - The applicant must be a graduating senior from one of the **public**-school districts within Gonzales County (Gonzales ISD, Nixon ISD, or Waelder ISD) regardless of county of residence.
- ii) **Option 2** – *(must meet all three bullet points that follow)*
 - The applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited private school or be home-schooled within Gonzales County or an adjacent county (Caldwell, Fayette, Lavaca, DeWitt, Karnes, Wilson, Guadalupe).

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- Applicant’s primary residence must be within Gonzales County for at least two years prior to the student’s high school graduation date.
- Applicant must be currently residing in Gonzales County as of the date of graduation.

Section 2 : Scholarship Submittal Requirements

- 1) Applicants must submit a properly completed official Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship Application. Incomplete or late applications may be disqualified.
- 2) Each applicant is required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). Your FASFA score must be disclosed on the application where noted. Please note that it takes approximately 3-4 weeks after submitting the application for you to receive the report. If selected for scholarship award, you will be required to provide proof of FASFA score before deemed eligible.
- 3) High School Transcript – Transcript must accompany the application to be considered.
- 4) References – At least 2 references from employers, school staff, clergy, or other sources other than relatives of the applicant.
- 5) Essay - The application must include on a separate piece of paper a typed 3 to 4 paragraph biographical essay of 250 - 500 words summarizing the following:
 - (a) Applicants background (Examples may include; where you were born, family history, hobbies, passions or ambitions, relevant life events, etc.)
 - (b) Applicant’s future plans. (Examples include; how you derived on your career path, why you chose the college you did, why you chose your desired profession, if your desired profession didn’t work out then what would be your second option? Where do you want to work and live after you graduate college? Will you work while in college or focus primarily on your studies?)
 - (c) Why do you need this scholarship or how will this scholarship help you?
 - (d) What sets you apart from potentially dozens of other applicants? (Examples include; Values that you hold that may align with the values of Gonzales County Area Go Texan Committee, work experience, community involvement, or anything else you may want us to know about you before we make our selections.)
- 6) Any applicants applying for both the GCAGT and HLSR scholarships must provide a copy of their application to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- 7) Applicants shall demonstrate and document involvement in extracurricular and academic activities while enrolled in high school.

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- 8) Applicant shall demonstrate and document involvement in community and service activities while enrolled in a high school.
- 9) SAT/ACT scores are not required but will be taken into consideration if provided.

Section 3: Submittal Guidelines

- 1) Questions regarding this scholarship may be directed to Gonzales County Area Go Texan Committee at committee@gonzalesgotexan.org. You may also request an electronic version of this document with a clickable link to the online application form by emailing this same address.
- 2) Please submit one (1) electronic copy of the completed application and all required attachments to committee@gonzalesgotexan.org by the deadline below. We will also receive it once you click the submit button on the online form, but we ask for a back up copy to be scanned and emailed as well.
- 3) Deadline for applications is 5 PM on March 29, 2024.
- 4) The GCAGT Scholarship Committee reserves the right to waive any technicalities and its decisions shall be final.
- 5) All applications and attachments become the property of GCAGT and will not be returned to the applicants.

QR Code to Web Based Form

QR Code to Mobile App Based Form



For PC - <https://form.jotform.com/233485831765870>

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Section 4: Post-Submittal Guidelines

Applications will be evaluated as follows (in no particular order or weighted system):

- Community and Service Activities
- 4H or FFA Activities
- High School Academics
- Future Plans
- Financial Need
- Other Factors Considered by The Committee.

1) The selection of winners will be made on or before the first Friday in May. Notification of awardees will be made during each school's scholarship award ceremony or via the contact information provided.

2) Any applicants that have applied for both the Gonzales County Area Go Texan scholarship and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Go Texan Scholarship and that wins a \$20,000 HLSR scholarship will be ineligible to receive the Gonzales County Area Go Texan scholarship. Only one or the other may be received, but not both.

3) Any applicant receiving a full ride scholarship to any institution will be disqualified from receiving this scholarship.

4) If selected for possible award, more detailed information may be required before scholarship award is deemed official. These will include items such as proof of FASFA score, more personal information not asked for on application, proof of citizenship, other scholarships awarded, and proof of acceptance and enrollment.

Section 5: Post-Award Guidelines

1) The scholarship will be paid in two equal installments after receipt of documentation of registration for each of the fall and spring semesters that immediately follow the selected applicant's graduation from high school. The first half of the amount awarded will be paid for the fall semester after the Committee is provided with proof of the student's registration.

2) Second payment of half the original scholarship amount will be paid during the immediate spring semester upon proof of enrollment of twelve (12) credit hours (as applicable) and 2.5 GPA or above.

3) Applicants must successfully complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours per semester to remain eligible.

4) Recipients must attend ALL Gonzales County Go Texan events such as the annual Steak Supper in January and any other planned fundraising events that will be communicated in advance. Participation requirements will be limited to three annual events. All events will be local to Gonzales County. We expect scholarship recipients to be available for volunteering, as needed by committee members. Student exemption from attending any of these events will require written notification from school officials or parent/guardian stating the conflict.

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Section 6: Application Submittal Checklist (these are minimum requirements for eligibility and consideration)

- Have you ensured all lines or areas of the application are completed?
- Have you included your FASFA Score in the application? Proof of score will be required upon award.
- Have you applied for both the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship (*public school applicants only*)? Not required but highly encouraged.
- If applying for the HLSR scholarship as well, have you provided a copy of that application with your submittal?
- Have you included a high school transcript with your application?
- Have you completed and included an essay per the required guidelines?
- Have you included a copy the following signed acknowledgments page with your submittal?

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Section 7: Signed Acknowledgments

Applicant:

I _____ (clearly print name) attest that all information in this document and application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also attest that I have fully read and understand the guidelines and requirements in order to be eligible to receive this scholarship if selected. I also understand that failure to comply with guidelines or providing false information may be grounds for disqualification and will require any distributed funds to be returned to the Gonzales County Area Go Texan Committee.

(signed) _____ (date) _____

Parent/Guardian:

I _____ (clearly print name) attest that all information in this document and application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also attest that I have fully read and understand the guidelines and requirements in order for my child to be eligible to receive this scholarship if selected. I also understand that failure to comply with guidelines or providing false information may be grounds for disqualification and will require any distributed funds to be returned to the Gonzales County Area Go Texan Committee.

(signed) _____ (date) _____

FFA Advisor/4-H Club Leader :

I _____ (clearly print name) certify that,

(applicant name) _____ is or has been a current member in good standing and actively participated in either 4-H or FFA for two of the last four years.

(signed) _____ (date) _____

(include 4-H Club or FFA Chapter) _____

High School Official :

I _____ (clearly print name) have examined this application for,

(applicant name) _____ and certify the records to be true, accurate, and complete.

(signed) _____ (date) _____

(title of school official) _____

2024 Gonzales County Area Go Texan Scholarship Application

Name *

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Suffix

Eligibility Requirements

Please complete this section before completing the remaining fields

US Citizen *

Yes

No

Are you a graduating senior this year? *

Yes

No

Do you live within Gonzales County? *

Yes

No

If not, which county do you live?

Have you attended a public school within Gonzales County for at least two consecutive years (Gonzales, Nixon/Smiley, or Waelder ISD)?

Yes

No

If yes to the previous question, which ISD?

Gonzales

Nixon/Smiley

Waelder

Have you attended a private or home school and have lived in Gonzales County for at least two consecutive years?

- Yes
- No

If yes, which school did you attend?

Have you been a member of either an FFA or a 4H chapter/club in Gonzales Co. for two of the four years of high school? *

- Yes
- No

If yes to the previous question, which chapter/club?

Which years were you an active member of 4H or FFA?

In the space below (or as an attachment) , please outline your Gonzales County 4-H/FFA activities in which you have participated, indicating any awards, recognition or offices held. Include any livestock show participation and awards and for which years.

Have you been accepted into a college or trade school? *

- Yes
- No

Have you also applied for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Area Go Texan Scholarship (Public school applicants only. Not required but recommended) *

- Yes
- No

Personal & Contact Information

Address *

Street Address

Apt/Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth *

Month Day Year

Gender *

Male

Female

E-mail *

Enter E-mail Here

Cell Phone Number *

Alternate Phone Number

College or Trade School Information

College/Trade School Information

College/University where you've been accepted

College/Trade School Major/Field of Study

College/University where you've been accepted

What is your desired/planned career?

College/University where you've been accepted

High School Academic Information

Current Cumulative GPA *

Please ensure you attach a transcript showing GPA above 2.5.

ACT Score

ACT scores are not required for scholarship eligibility. However, providing an ACT score can increase the likelihood of your selection as compared to other candidates.

SAT Score

SAT scores are not required for scholarship eligibility. However, providing an ACT score can increase the likelihood of your selection as compared to other candidates.

What scholastic honors or distinctions have you received (if any)? (You may also provide each of these as an attachment)

What honors or special interest classes have you taken (if any)? (attach if desired)

What college courses or classes have you taken (if any)?

Financial Need Information

FASFA Score (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) *

This is a required field for eligibility

Are you applying for other scholarships? *

Yes

No

Description of Financial Need or What This Scholarship Would Mean to You

0/600

How many siblings do you have? *

0

1

2

3

Other

Do you have other siblings attending college at the same time? *

Yes

No

How many siblings do you have that will be attending college at the same time as you? *

0

1

2

3

Other

Will you be working while attending college? *

Part Time (Less than 20 hours/week)

Full Time (More than 20 hours/week)

No

Which Best Describes Your Living Situation? *

I live at home with both parents

I live in a single parent household

I live in a shared custody arrangement with both parents independently

Other

Please use this field to explain any special living arrangements or circumstances we should consider (if any).

Work History Information

Please tell us about your work history while attending high school (or provide as an attachment).

Community Service Information

In the space below (or as an attachment), please outline any other activities in which you have participated, indicating any special recognition you might have received. Include church activities or community service.

Required Personal Essay

Please use this field to create a personal essay or upload one in the field below. Please reference the application guidelines in Section 2.(5) - (a) through (d) for examples. (This may also be provided as an attachment)

References - Please provide as an attachment

Signed Acknowledgement Page Provided in Application - Please provide as an attachment)

Other Attachments or Info You Would Like to Provide

Other General Information

Signature
