

BEXAR COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP CLEARING HOUSE

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STUDENT APPLICATION FOR: FIRSTMARK CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: 4:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 4, 2016

This application is specific to FIRSTMARK Credit Union Scholarship, ONLY.

The Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House (BCSCH) is a Clearing House for scholarships. This means we offer a standardized application form and register applicants at a central location. This saves time for students, plus aids the sponsoring organization in their selection process. **The deadline is Friday, November 4, 2016, by 4:00 p.m.**

Submitting a scholarship application does not guarantee a scholarship. Therefore, you are encouraged to apply for all financial aid opportunities available to you through other sources, including the financial aid office at the college or university of your choice.

Completing your application with attention to every detail plays an important part in your chances of being selected as a scholarship recipient. Please note the following helpful hints:

- Remember deadlines: You will be given a specific school deadline to submit your application and all associated documents to your counselor, who will be responsible for meeting the Clearing House deadline above.
- Carefully read the scholarship eligibility requirements in the booklet entitled, *San Antonio/Bexar County Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors 2016-2017*. This booklet can be obtained from your high school counselor's office. Some programs require additional supporting documents in addition to the application, such as a specific essay or recommendation letter, in addition to those already provided.
- A Verification Form must be completed if applying for a scholarship with specific eligibility requirements.
- Do not leave any blanks. For example, do not skip the financial information section. It is used to determine eligibility if you apply for a scholarship based on financial need. It is also used to determine eligibility if you apply for scholarships that are NOT based on need, so either way, this section is very important.
- The Letter of Recommendation needs to be from an adult who is not a relative. It should reference your character in regard to truthfulness, conscientiousness, and the ability to accept responsibility.
- Declare a degree or major: For example, an "Undecided" major may render you ineligible for a specific scholarship if it requires the student to declare an interest in a particular field of study.
- Personal Narratives should be limited to 200-400 words, typed, or hand printed in ink. Use spell-check and edit your final paper. Print your name at the top and sign your name at the bottom. Narrative topics to consider:
 - Describe your future college plans, hopes and ambitions, and how/why you arrived at that decision; or
 - Explain your choice of college and if or how a specific person, event or activity impacted your decision.

NOTE: If you are chosen as an award recipient of any scholarship program, the sponsoring organization will contact you directly. BCSCH is not responsible for notifying scholarship winners.

TO THE COUNSELOR

To ensure accurate and timely processing of information please submit ALL documents for each student as an individual packet secured with a paperclip (no staples, please). DO NOT copy as a 2-sided document, write on the back, or place into folders. Students may include a personal resume highlighting activities. A complete packet for each individual student will consist of the following:

CHECKLIST:

- Application (pages 1-3)
- Transcript of completed courses
- Transcript of pending senior year courses
- Test Scores: ACT or SAT I (may be included on transcript)
- Evaluation from Counselor
- Evaluation from English Teacher
- Evaluation from Other Teacher
- Verification Form (page 4 - for Credit Unions, Clubs or Employer-based programs)
- Personal Narrative (200-400 words, typed or hand printed)
- Adult Recommendation (adult, non-relative)
- Advanced Placement (AP) exam scores, if applicable
- Signatures of both Student and Parent or Legal Guardian (on page 3)
- Student Name printed on all pages submitted with application
- Additional essays, recommendations or documents as requested by scholarship organizations (if applicable)



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APPLICATION FOR FIRSTMARK CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

S T U D E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

Mr. ___/Miss ___ _____ Last 4 digits of SSN # _____
First Middle Last
 Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code
 Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____ Email: _____
 High School you now attend: _____ Middle School attended: _____
 Age ___ Date of Birth _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? ___ or Permanent Resident? ___

P A R E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

Father's Name: _____ Age _____
 email: _____
 Home Address _____ Home # _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code Work #
 Father's Employer: _____ Job Title _____
Company Name City/State
 Mother's Name: _____ Age _____
 email: _____
 Home address _____ Home # _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code Work #
 Mother's Employer: _____ Job Title _____
Company Name City/State
 IF APPLICABLE, stepfather's name and employer _____
 IF APPLICABLE, stepmother's name and employer: _____
 Parents are: Married ___ Divorced ___ Separated ___ Remarried ___ Widowed ___
 If parent(s) is(are) deceased, please check: Father ___ Mother ___
 Number of immediate family members residing in your home (INCLUDE parents and yourself): _____
 List ages of all family members currently residing in your home: _____

F I N A N C I A L I N F O R M A T I O N :

2015 Annual gross income of family:
 Amount indicated should include the 2015 reported income for parent(s) with whom you reside and any income earned yourself.

1. Under \$10,000 _____	6. \$50,000- 59,999 _____
2. \$10,000-19,999 _____	7. 60,000- 74,999 _____
3. 20,000-29,999 _____	8. 75,000- 89,999 _____
4. 30,000-39,999 _____	9. 90,000-119,999 _____
5. 40,000-49,000 _____	10. 120,000- and up _____

Who will be responsible for financing your college education? _____
 Will you be receiving Veterans Educational Benefits for college? _____
NOTE: SOME SCHOLARSHIP DONORS MAY REQUEST VERIFICATION OF INCOME TO ESTABLISH FINANCIAL NEED.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

Do you have a savings account for college expenses? _____ If so, indicate amount \$ _____
 Indicate the number of family members in your household who will be in college (or vocational/technical school) at least half-time next year (2017-2018). INCLUDE YOURSELF! _____
 Medical/Dental expenses for 2017 not covered by insurance _____
 Describe Other Unusual Expenses: _____

Any comments/additional information (if there are unusual circumstances in your family which may be pertinent to applying for scholarships, please briefly explain here): _____

SCHOOL PREFERENCE / INTENDED MAJOR

College or university you wish to attend:

1st choice _____
 Name City State

2nd choice _____
 Name City State

Choose your college major by entering the associated code number as found on page 5.

Intended Major(s): _____ Code #(s) _____ Intended Career: _____
 Explain any educational plans you may have beyond four years of college: _____

SCHOOL / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

(Include a personal resume or additional pages as needed, but please do not write on back)

Activities	# of Years	Note your role, offices held, awards received

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Present Employer: _____ Dates worked: From _____ To _____
 Job Title/Duties: _____ Hours worked per week: _____

Past Employer: _____ Dates worked: From _____ To _____
 Job Title/Duties: _____ Hours worked per week: _____

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ETHNICITY / HERITAGE

This information is optional; however, it is used to establish your eligibility for certain scholarships that are based on ethnic/national origins, such as UNICO, SAZA and others.

Which of the following categories best describes you? (choose one or more)

- 1-American Indian or Alaskan native
2-Asian American or Pacific Islander
3-Black or African American
4-White or Caucasian
5-Hispanic
6-Italian American
7-Puerto Rican
8-Hungarian
9-Other (specify)

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The student applying for this scholarship is required to provide verification of eligibility (or membership), and must provide the requested information below. Applicant must be a member in good standing or a dependent of a member in good standing of AFFCU.

Name of Scholarship: FIRSTMARK CREDIT UNION-FRANK PRICE CUNNINGHAM AND HELEN SHIPMAN CUNNINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP (Scholarship name as it is listed in the BCSCH Booklet for High School Seniors)

Full Name and Relationship of person whom eligibility is based for this scholarship: (If the student has the membership, just write "self" and include account #)

First Middle Last Relationship to Student

Member's Account #: - OR - Last 4 digits of member's SSN #:

STUDENT / PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We understand that this is only a Scholarship Application and that neither Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation nor the Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House makes any representations or assurances regarding the award or availability of scholarships.

We authorize and request the Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House to release the information contained herein, parents' financial statements, and all other information contained in student's Application Packet, to possible donors and/or colleges and universities upon request of such donors and/or colleges and universities.

A FALSE STATEMENT, ALTERATION OR OMISSION OF PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED JUST CAUSE FOR REMOVAL OF APPLICATION FROM SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION.

Student (signature required) Date Parent (signature required) Date

CODES FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY

99- <u>OTHER</u>	180- <u>FINE ARTS</u> , general	265 Earth Sciences
	181 Art (draw/paint/sculpt)	266 Geography
100- <u>AGRICULTURE</u> , general	182 Art History	267 Geology
101 Animal Science	183 Dance	268 Oceanography
102 Forestry	184 Dramatic Arts	269 Physics
103 Horticulture	185 Music (compose/perform/theory)	270 Zoology
104 Wildlife Management	186 Music History	271 Meteorology
	187 Oratory (speech/debate)	
110- <u>ARCHITECTURE</u> , general	190- <u>HOME ECONOMICS</u> , general	280- <u>NUTRITION</u> , general
111 Landscape	191 Fashion Design	281 Dietetics
120- <u>BUSINESS</u> , general	192 Fashion Merchandising	290- <u>PHILOSOPHY</u> , general
121 Accounting	193 Interior Design	291 Religion
122 Banking		
123 Economics	200- <u>LANGUAGES</u> , general	300- <u>PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS</u>
124 Finance	201 French	301 Pre-Dentistry
125 Insurance	202 German	302 Pre-Law
126 Management	203 Greek	303 Pre-Medicine
127 Marketing	204 Italian	304 Pre-Veterinary Medicine
128 Human Resources	205 Latin	
	206 Spanish	
130- <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> , general	210- <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u> , general	310- <u>SOCIAL SCIENCES</u> , general
131 Advertising	211 Criminal Justice	311 Anthropology
132 Journalism		312 Archaeology
133 Photography	220- <u>MATHEMATICS</u> , general	313 History
134 Public Relations		314 International Relations
135 Radio-TV-Film	230- <u>MEDICAL FIELDS</u> , general	315 Political Science
	231 Chiropractic	316 Psychology
140- <u>COMPUTER SCIENCE</u> , general	232 Dental Assisting	317 Social Work
141 Programming	233 Dental Hygiene	318 Sociology
142 System Analysis	234 Emergency Medical Tech	
	235 Medical Assistant	320- <u>TRADE/VOCATIONAL FIELDS</u>
150- <u>EDUCATION</u> , general	236 Medical Technician	321 Aeronautical/Aviation
151 Elementary Education	237 Nursing, general	322 Air Cond./Heating Tech
152 Secondary Education	238 Occupational Therapy	323 Airline/Travel careers
153 Health Education	239 Optometry	324 Auto Mechanics
154 Physical Education	240 Pharmacy	325 Business Technology
155 Special Education	241 Physical Therapy	326 Carpentry/Construction
	242 Physician Assistant	327 Cosmetology
160- <u>ENGINEERING</u> , general	243 Public Health	328 Culinary Arts
161 Aerospace	244 Radiology	329 Drafting
162 Chemical	245 Sports Medicine	330 Electronics
163 Civil	246 Surgical Technology	331 Graphic Arts
164 Electrical/Electronics	247 Respiratory Therapy	332 Hotel/Food Service Mgmt
165 Industrial	248 Speech Therapy	333 Industrial Arts
166 Mechanical		334 Machine-Working
167 Nuclear	250- <u>MORTUARY SCIENCE</u> , general	335 Masonry
168 Petroleum		336 Metal-Working
	260- <u>NATURAL SCIENCES</u> , general	337 Plumbing
170- <u>ENGLISH</u> , general	261 Astronomy	338 Real Estate
171 Classics	262 Biology	339 Secretarial
172 Creative Writing	263 Botany	340 Welding
173 Linguistics	264 Chemistry	
174 Literature		

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TEACHER/COUNSELOR EVALUATION FORM

Endorsement of a student should show his/her qualifications pertinent to the preferred area of study. Any particularly outstanding qualities of the student should also be noted here, such as character, altruistic endeavors, interpersonal relations, etc. Use the additional comments section of this form to cite your personal experiences with the student which may be beneficial in our assessment.

Student's Name _____ High School _____
First Middle Last

- Rate the following characteristics of the student with a check mark below: -

	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
1. Motivation				
2. Responsibility				
3. Integrity, honesty				
4. Diligence, perseverance				
5. Cooperation				
6. Leadership				
7. Emotional maturity				
8. Common sense, judgment				
9. Appearance, neatness, poise				

Additional Comments _____

Evaluator: _____ Title/Department: _____
(print first and last name)

Signature: _____ Email: _____

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