

**The Daughters of The Republic of Texas
Stephen F. Austin Chapter
Scholarship Fund Program
Application
and
Criteria for Selection and Guidelines**

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Republic. To that end, the Stephen F. Austin Chapter created a Scholarship Program to involve student in the process and show our history relates to all of us.

The goal of the Stephen F. Austin Scholarship Program is to recognize and award scholarships to graduating students who are extraordinary leaders, academically strong and responsible citizens. One scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 will be awarded annually. The award will be presented at the Anniversary Scholarship Luncheon in April of each year. They will be given in memory of deceased chapter members for that year.

Eligibility

- 1) Graduating seniors from any Texas high school (or home school) related to a member of the chapter.
- 2) Applicants who have applied to or been accepted by an accredited university, college, vocational or technical school. NOTE: The actual award may be delayed until the winners' acceptance is verified.
- 3) Applicants must be citizens of the United States

This Year's Essay Topic

Texas was a Republic from 1836 to 1846. Discuss the economic advantages of Texas becoming part of the United States and how they affected the shape of Texas today.

Formatting

- Site a minimum of three (3) source (only one internet reference)
- Type essays are to be doubled space on 8 ½ x 11 papers using "Times New Roman" font size 12
- Essays must be submitted in English.
- Research references are to listed on a separate page and are not counted as part of the essay length.

Selection Requirements and Additional information

- 1) Students download the application and instructions from our website, www.stephenfaustindrt.org. (Scroll down to the bottom of the Home page, then click on “Scholarships.” This will bring up the links to downloadable instructions, etc.)
- 2) Submit 2 letters of recommendation: (teacher, counselor, principal, vice-principal or other appropriate school officer) supporting academic achievements, leadership skills, and college potential. No unsigned letters or letters from family members will be accepted.
 - a. The letter should attest that you are a student in good academic standing as well as why the writer believes you should be considered for a scholarship prize.
 - b. The writer is to E-mail the application, letters and essay in Word or PDF format to duskycwaters@gmail.com. **The deadline is February 15. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
 - c. Submit a 3–7-page essay.
- 3) **General Evaluation Criteria:** The Evaluation Panel will use the following criteria to judge the entries:
 - a. Were instructions followed on the application
 - b. Community/volunteer service, extracurricular activities, internships, honors, awards and organization affiliations will be considered
 - c. Is the essay on an event or process that meets the stated definition?
 - d. Is the essay historically accurate?
 - e. Does the essay reflect the research conducted to produce it?
 - f. Does the essay explain the event or process in an easy-to-understand manner?
 - g. Is the presentation free of grammar and spelling errors and within the length criteria?
 - h. Does the presentation take a creative approach to the topic?
 - i. Does the presentation include a list of sources used?

If you have questions or need clarification, please send your question to duskycwaters@gmail.com. You will receive a reply within two days or less.

- 4) A three-member committee will make the scholarship selection. This will be blind judging.
- 5) Relatives of applicants may not sit on the selection committee.
- 6) Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to April 1st of each year.
- 7) The recipients and a parent will attend the Scholarship Luncheon as guests of the chapter.
- 8) The Stephen F. Austin chapter will issue the scholarship by check drafted jointly to the award winner and the educational institution, with proof of enrollment.
- 9) It is not necessary, although it is desired, to award the scholarships every year.

Application Form – Stephen F. Austin Scholarship
The Daughters of The Republic of Texas
Stephen F. Austin Chapter

This form can be copied and is a fillable document. All sections MUST be completed in order for your application to be considered.

This form by itself is not a complete application package. All applications must be received no later than February 15th. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Biographical Information (Please type or print)

- 1) Name: _____ Soc. Sec. no. _____
- 2) Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
- 3) Address: _____
- 4) Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
- 5) Father's Name: _____ Phone no. _____
- 6) Mother's Name: _____ Phone no. _____

High School Information

- 1) Current High School: _____ School District: _____
- 2) High School Address: _____
- 3) Name of School Counselor: _____ Phone no. _____
- 4) Name of School Principal: _____ Phone no. _____
- 5) Number in your graduating class: _____ Your Class Rank: _____
- 6) GPA _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

College or University Information

- 1) Have you applied for admission to a college or university? Yes: ___ No: ___ (Check One)
(Applications will not be accepted from students who have not applied to a university, even if the school has an open admissions policy.)
- 2) Have you been accepted for admission? Yes: ___ No: ___ (Check One)
- 3) List names of institutions to which you have applied for admission:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
- 4) Potential area of study: _____

Employment, Internships

Your Specific Role/Job Title	Employer	Hrs. Per Wk	From:	To:

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High School Honors, Awards, Activities

List any offices held or awards received in high school and year achieved. (Example – National Honor Society – 3, 4)

A) High School Honor or Award Received, Office Held

B) Extracurricular Activities (List other school clubs & activities you have participated in or received recognition from.)

C) Community and Volunteer Activities

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Community Service</u>	<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Duration</u>
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Texas and National Historical Affiliation

Do you or any members of your family have an affiliation with any Texas and or National Historical Associations? Yes: ____ No: ____ (Check One)

If Yes, describe below.

Letters of Recommendation (2)

Two letters of recommendation must be included with your application. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted. Letter writers must write a letter of recommendation supporting academic achievements, leadership skills, and college potential of applicant. No unsigned letters will be accepted. In the space below, please include the contact information of the individuals who are writing letters in support of your application.

Academic Teacher: _____ Title: _____

School: _____ Daytime Phone No. _____

Other Adult (Over 21, not a relative)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Relationship: _____ Daytime Phone No. _____

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Essay – 3-7 pages

You must include a typed essay. Use your own voice and writing style.

Application Checklist

- _____ Application form
- _____ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- _____ Essay

Additional Information

Signature of Applicant:

Date:
