



## MUSTANG MERIT HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Mustang Merit Honorary Scholarship will be awarded by Palo Pinto ISD staff and board members to the high school senior(s) who best meet the requirements set forth by the Scholarship Committee. Award amounts are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and contingent upon available funds.

The Selection Committee will review all submitted applications and make a decision on the recipient(s) of the scholarship. All decisions regarding this scholarship are considered final and committee discussions and scoring rubric will remain confidential. Scholarship applications, completed in entirety, are **DUE** to the Palo Pinto ISD Administration Office **no later** than the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April**. The scholarship recipients will be **notified by** the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May**. The recipient(s) name and/or scholarship amounts will also be released via any media outlets as decided by the selection committee and/or administration.

### Guidelines for the Mustang Merit Honorary Scholarship

Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an institution of higher learning or full-time armed forces and who meet all of the guidelines below. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the recipient(s) of the scholarship upon verification of enrollment in an institution of higher education. It will be the responsibility of the awarded recipient(s) or guardian(s) of the awarded recipient(s) to provide such proof of enrollment and to request the scholarship monies at the time of proof of enrollment. Should proof of enrollment not be provided to the scholarship committee or administration, or should a request for the scholarship money not be made in a timely manner, within 6 months of being notified as the scholarship recipient(s), scholarship money will not be paid and the funds will remain in the scholarship fund for future disbursement to applicants who meet the guidelines and timelines. The number of scholarships will be contingent upon the scholarship fund monies available and the submission of completed, quality applications as outlined in this scholarship application packet.

Student applicants **must** meet the following guidelines:

1. Plan to attend an institution of higher learning on a full time basis or enlist full-time in the armed forces immediately after graduation.
2. Be an alumni of Palo Pinto ISD, Palo Pinto Elementary, for at least 4 years during the elementary years, of which the applicant must have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Palo Pinto ISD as part of those 4 years.
3. Must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or an 80 on a 100 point scale.
4. Must include an official high school transcript showing the GPA.
5. Must complete in entirety the scholarship application on time and meet all timelines.
6. Must include at least two letters of reference attesting to one's character, work ethic, and positive qualities as a student.

Student applicant should note any special financial needs on their application form.

**All applications and supporting documents must be received no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April.**

Please advise your high school registrar/counselor of this deadline for submission of transcripts and other supporting documentation. Student(s) must deliver the completed application form and all requested documents to:

**Physical Address:**  
**Palo Pinto ISD Scholarship Committee**  
**c/o Administration**  
**821 Oak Street**  
**Palo Pinto TX 76484**

**Mailing Address (must be postmarked by deadline):**

**Palo Pinto ISD Scholarship Committee**  
**c/o Administration**  
**PO Box 280**  
**Palo Pinto TX 76484**

## **Mustang Merit Honorary Scholarship**

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Please use N/A to indicate unable to answer. Leave no blanks.
2. Applications will preferably be typewritten or identically reproduced in computer form. The application form can be found on the Palo Pinto ISD website, [www.palopintoisd.net](http://www.palopintoisd.net), or in person at the above physical address in the administration office.
3. Attach additional sheets as needed in order to complete questions 6, 7, 8, and 9.
4. Applications must include the following:
  - Complete Application form, including essay
  - Two references with complete contact information for each (on application form)
  - A copy of your official updated transcript
5. Applications must be received by **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April (or postmarked by this deadline if mailed). THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Successful applicants will be notified **on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May**. Interviews may be necessary and finalists will be notified if needed for an interview by the scholarship committee.

**Note:** Amounts awarded to successful candidates are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and contingent upon funds.

### Scholarship Application Form

1. Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Years attended Palo Pinto Elementary (must be a minimum of 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. List the schools you have attended:

School	Website	GPA

5. What is your cumulative GPA based on 4.0 weighted scale or out of 100 points?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Extracurricular Activities: (Include sports, clubs, offices held in school.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Community Activities: (Include church and community activities.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What institution of higher learning will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been accepted already? \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected start date \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your planned course of study **AND** why did you choose this plan?  
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9. Applicant's Brief Employment History, if any:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please supply two personal adult references other than relatives (i.e., teachers, pastor, long time personal friends).

Name	Relationship	Home phone	Work phone

11. Applicant's signature and contact information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code   Home Phone Number   Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

12. Parent/Guardian's Name and phone number

| \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Guardian's signature*

13. Prepare a one page essay in the space provided. Your essay should be no longer than the space provided. Answer the following question: "How did being a student at Palo Pinto Elementary impact you as a learner and a person and how did that impact influence your goals and objectives of higher education?"

***All spaces must be filled in. Use N/A if appropriate.  
DEVIATION FROM INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: How did being a student at Palo Pinto Elementary impact you as a learner and a person and how did that impact influence your goals and objectives of higher education?

## Mustang Merit Honorary Scholarship Selection Rubric

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Completed Application with Quality of Response and Presentation</b>	4—Completed Application in Entirety, no errors, typed/professional	3—Completed Application in entirety, 1-2 errors that are of minor importance, typed/professional	2—Completed Application in entirety, 3-4 errors that are of significance, typed/professional	1—Completed Application in entirety, 4+ errors, typed/professional or handwritten in nice/legible writing	0—Incomplete application, 4+ errors handwritten in messy/illegible handwriting
<b>Essay</b>	4—Responded to the essay as indicated with in depth thought and complete grammatical correctness	3—Responded to the essay as indicated and complete grammatical correctness	2—Responded to the essay as indicated with a few minor grammatical errors	1—Responded to the essay, but only addressed 1 part of the 2 required parts and/or had several grammatical errors	0—Did not respond to the essay or had significant grammatical errors
<b>GPA</b>	4—4.0 or 95+	3—3.5 or 85+	2—3.0 or 80+		0—less than 3.0 or less than 80
<b>Letters of Reference</b>	4—2 complete letters of reference with high regards	3—2 complete letters of reference that are generic or have little content about the student	2—1 complete letter of reference with high regards and 1 generic letter of little content	1—2 letters of reference that are generic or have little content	0—less than 2 letters of reference
<b>Total Score:</b>					
<b>Comments:</b>					

If scholarship criteria are not met, applicant is automatically disqualified.