



Student of Integrity Award for High School Students Graduating 2024

The BBB Serving SETX "Student of Integrity" Award Program recognizes seniors in high school who personify high ethics demonstrated through leadership, overall personal integrity, and academic achievements. Applications are scored by a volunteer panel of judges. Selected students will each receive \$2500 scholarships, sent on their behalf to any accredited college or trade school of their choice. Scholarships must be used within three years of receiving the award and will be distributed to the student's college or trade school upon verification of enrollment provided by recipients. The scholarship must be applied toward school-related expenses, including tuition, books, room and board, or other related items. Award certificates will be presented to recipient students during the May BBB Full Board meeting.

AWARD GUIDELINES: Judges will select the scholarship recipients based on their leadership, contributions to their communities and schools, personal integrity, academic accomplishments, letter of reference, and written essay. Decisions of the judges are final.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of Texas. The scholarship program is open to qualified high school seniors in the following counties: **Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Tyler and the Bolivar Peninsula.**

Entries should include the complete **online application detailing their leadership positions and community involvement**, an **essay written by the student, the student's high school transcript** and a **letter of recommendation** for the student from a teacher, school official, church official, community leader, employer, etc. (no family members, please.)

All submitted entries become the property of BBB and cannot be returned. Winning students will be notified in late April. All non-winning students will be notified via e-mail soon after. Applications are now being accepted. **Deadline for applications for 2024 recipients is April 5, 2024.**

PROCEDURE: Complete online application in full: <https://www.bbb.org/local/0845/setx-student-scholarships>

If a student is unable to complete an application online please use the contact information below.

Questions: Please contact Liz Fredrichs at lizfredrichs@bbbsetexas.org 409-527-3733 OR Candace Carver-Brooks at candacecarver@bbbsetexas.org or at 409-527-3718

CRITERIA

Students should demonstrate their commitment to high ethical behavior and provide documentation in the following areas:

Leadership 20%

- Describe activities inside and outside of school in which you've had a leadership role. You may include sports, student clubs or organizations, church or special community activities. Include awards/honors, offices held and length of time participated.
- Write a brief paragraph to reflect on what you learned as a leader as a result of your experiences.

Community Service 20%

- Describe community service you have participated in (inside or outside of school). Include awards/honors or offices held and length of time participated.
- List any paid work experience with dates of employment and job description (if applicable)
- Write a brief paragraph to reflect on how these experiences impacted your attitude and behavior

Academic 10%

- Enclose a copy of most recent transcript
- Describe post-secondary education plans

Letter of Reference 10%

- Personal recommendations with reasons

Essay 40%

- Read the [UncommonSense Framework](#), then select one of the 20 principles and share a personal experience to explain why you have chosen it and how it is applied to your life. The essay should be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 750.
- All essays become property of BBB. Winner's names may be released to the public and news media for promotional purposes.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online by April 5, 2024

AWARD: The \$2500 scholarship will be made payable and mailed directly to the winning students selected college/trade school upon verification of enrollment, provided by the recipient.

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