



### 2020 EAST END SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2019, the East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to East End high school seniors seeking a two or four-year degree. The Foundation is committed to supporting the educational needs of area students and has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships the last 13 years.

East End Scholars are students who are seeking a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or a two-year certification, and have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and community stewardship. The Scholars program will consist of career guidance and networking opportunities with Chamber members.

**Scholars are required to be full-time students at a college or university, maintain a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average and provide support to the East End Scholars program a minimum of one year after acceptance of the scholarship.**

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 13, 2020** | Application Deadline
- **April 2020** | Interview Selection
- **May 2020** | Initial Selection Notification
- **May 19, 2020** | Awards Luncheon – *Attendance is mandatory*
- **July 2020** | Mentor/Mentee Send-Off Luncheon – *Attendance is mandatory*
- **December 2020** | Holiday Scholar Luncheon – *Attendance is mandatory*

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Make sure to include **ALL** of the following:

- ✓ 2020 Scholarship Application
- ✓ Essay Question Response
- ✓ Certification by Applicant and Authorization for Verification
- ✓ Transcript with school official name and contact information to be used for verification
- ✓ SAT and/or ACT Scores (four-year degree seeking students ONLY)
- ✓ Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ✓ Two Letters of Reference
- ✓ Volunteer Service Records

#### HOW TO SUBMIT

**Submit in person:** Houston East End Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Committee  
5800 Clinton Drive  
Houston, TX 77020

**Submit by email:** [foundation@eecoc.org](mailto:foundation@eecoc.org)



**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, March 13, 2020!**  
*NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED*

### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible to apply for or to be awarded a Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen or resident of the United States. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid U.S. passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or a birth certificate for U.S. Citizen born abroad). Applications submitted without proof of citizenship will not be considered.
2. Reside in the East End Chamber's coverage area
3. Be a graduating senior in the 2019-2020 school year
4. Provide verification of GPA at the completion of the first semester of senior year.
5. Provide copies of minimum 20 ACT score and 1000 SAT score.
6. Provide two letters of reference from school or community organization officials.
7. Provide college and/or university acceptance letter.
8. Submit a copy of volunteer service records reflecting a minimum of 8 hours
9. Provide a copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
10. Expression of financial need through essay.
11. Candidates must be willing to interview with the selection committee in April of 2020 (You will be contacted if you have been selected for an interview) and must attend the Chamber's Education Symposium Breakfast on May 19, 2020 to accept your scholarship.
12. Candidates will be required to commit to maintaining a relationship with the Chamber by volunteering a minimum of (8) hours out of the year, sharing progress with the staff and actively participating in the mentor/mentee program.
13. Application to be **postmarked** by March 13, 2020.

**Selection Criteria:** Applicants will be judged with equal emphasis on (1) educational preparation of candidate, (2) expressed desire of the candidate to complete a certification or degree, (3) proven community and/or civic involvement, (4) financial need and (5) content and completeness of application.

**Selection Process:** Winners will be selected by the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. Top candidates will be selected on the basis of written applications and will be interviewed with the selection committee prior to final selection.

**Confidentiality:** All information submitted by the applicant will be held in strict confidence by the scholarship committee and used only with the prior consent of the applicant.

**Award Winners:** The scholarship is not transferable and may not be sold or used by anyone other than the named applicant. The scholarship will be awarded to the named applicant upon presentation of an acceptance letter from the intended college or university. Scholarship money may be used at an in-state or out of state school. **Scholarship money will be mailed directly to the college or university the named applicant has selected.**



2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Birth City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Ages of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduating From (check one):

- |            |                         |                     |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Austin     | Energy Institute        | Raul Yzaguirre      |
| Chavez     | Houston Can Academy     | Sanchez             |
| Cristo Rey | Houston Gateway Academy | YES Prep (East End) |
| East Early | Milby                   | Other _____         |
| Eastwood   | Mt. Carmel              |                     |

Did you work in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, describe your job: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the degree/certification you are pursuing a two year or four-year program? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/certification do you wish to pursue and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



Have you been accepted to a college or university? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please attach copy of acceptance letter. If not, please indicate which of these schools you plan to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(A copy of the acceptance letter MUST be presented prior to funding of scholarship.)*

Have you received any other scholarships? (check one)      YES      NO

If so, please list names and amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list extracurricular activities you participated in during your time in high school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list after school activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list awards and or honors and the date received:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_



## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTION

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In one page, type an essay explaining why you feel you should be the recipient of a scholarship from the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Please include your community and/or civic involvement. *(Please use this as your cover letter for your essay).* **Essay must be in 12 font, Times New Roman.**



### CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. (Note: Any false statement in this application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

If selected to receive an East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship, I understand I am expected to enroll in an accredited college or university and abide by the guidelines of the East End Scholars Program.

I have read and fully understand the eligibility and guidelines for the East End Scholars Program. **I understand that if I do not attend an accredited college or university, I will forfeit my scholarship award.**

I hereby authorize any person, firm, school or entity to release to the East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my current and future academic records and status (both high school and college), activities, honors and awards, citizenship, residency, and financial situation (specifically including all financial aid). If selected as a recipient, a copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as the original. Any person, firm, school or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of an East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Houston East End Chamber of Commerce with respect to any and all claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation or any other media.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_