



2025 EAST END SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2024, the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce Foundation awarded over \$32,000 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 \$630,000 in scholarships in the last 19 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

- **January 31, 2025** | Application Deadline
- **February 2025** | Interview Selection
- **March 2025** | Initial Selection Notification
- **May 2025*** | Education Symposium – **Attendance is mandatory**
- **July 17, 2025** | Mentor/Mentee Send-Off Luncheon – **Attendance is mandatory**
- **December 16, 2025** | Holiday Scholar Luncheon – **Attendance is mandatory**

**Dates & Locations are subject to change*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ 2025 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
5311 Clinton Drive
Houston, TX 77020

Submit by email: foundation@eecoc.org



APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, January 31, 2025!
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 2024-2025 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 February of 2025 (you will be contacted if you have been selected for an interview) and must attend the Chamber's Education Symposium Event on May 2025 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 **January 31, 2025**

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**



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Name _____

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 *(circle one)*:

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|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 been accepted to multiple colleges or universities? _____ If yes, please list them in order of most likely to attend.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Have you received any other scholarships? (circle 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? _____



2025 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** _____