



Scholarship Program – Class of 2026

The HATC Foundation Scholarship Program is designed to inspire academic achievement and promote community leadership among high school students. Offered through the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) Foundation, the scholarship supports graduating seniors who plan to enroll in a college, university, or trade program in Fall 2026.

Who can apply?

- ✓ Students in a household currently receiving assistance through the Housing Authority of Travis County
- ✓ Graduating high school seniors (Class of 2026)
- ✓ Students planning to attend college, trade, or technical school in Fall 2026

Scholarship Award Amount

\$2,500 to each awarded applicant

Application Deadline

May 7, 2026 – by 5:00 PM

What You'll Need (Checklist)

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Sealed high school transcript
- ☐ Proof of FAFSA submission
- ☐ One recommendation letter
- ☐ Short essay (500 words max)

Tip: Start early so you have time to request your recommendation.



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1. Student Information

Please provide the student's full legal name and current contact information. This information will be used to communicate important updates regarding the scholarship application.

Full name
Date of birth
Phone number
Email address
Current home address

2. Parent / Guardian Information

At least one parent or legal guardian must be listed. This helps ensure families are included in scholarship communications and important updates.

Parent/guardian full name
Relationship to student
Phone number
Email address
Current home address

3. School Information

Provide information about the high school the student currently attends or most recently attended. This allows us to verify enrollment and academic status.

High School name
School address
Counselor's name
School phone number

4. Activities & Community Involvement

List up to three school, work, or community activities you have been involved in over the past few years. These may include clubs, sports, employment, volunteer work, leadership roles, or community service. *If you need more space, you may attach an additional page.*

Organization or activity name
Your role or position
Approximate time commitment
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5. College or Career Plans

List up to three colleges, universities, trade schools, or certification programs you are considering or have applied to. This helps us understand your educational and career goals.

School or program name
Intended major, field of study, or certification
Acceptance status or anticipated enrollment

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6. Essay Section

Essay Prompt:

Where do you see yourself in the next two years? How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals? What are you doing now to achieve those goals?

There is no “perfect” answer — we want to learn about you and your goals. Essay must be typed. Maximum 500 words.

7. Recommendation Requirement

One recommendation letter is required. This may come from a: - Teacher or counselor - Coach or mentor - Employer - Community leader

Recommenders may not be family members. Please be sure your recommender submits the letter by the application deadline.

Please provide us with the following information regarding your recommender:

Recommender's Name
Relationship
Phone Number
Email Address

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to the scholarship application, program rules, and terms and releases regarding photos, and information to be used in marketing materials for promotional purposes of the HATC Foundation and the Housing Authority of Travis County. Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

Student Name	Date
Student Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Name	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Final Checklist Before Submitting

- ☐ Application completed and signed
- ☐ Sealed high school transcript included
- ☐ Proof of FAFSA submission included
- ☐ 500-word essay included
- ☐ Recommendation letter included

RETURN APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS (application, sealed copy of your current high school transcript, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) proof of submission, essay, and the recommendation letter) BY E-MAIL or MAIL to:

HATC Foundation

brenda.silva-barber@traviscountytexas.gov

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Attn: Brenda Silva-Barber
502 East Highland Mall Blvd. Suite 106-B
Austin, TX 78752

All materials must be received by 5:00 PM on May 7, 2026.

This scholarship program is administered by the HATC Foundation to support youth development, education, and long-term success.