



## 2019 Community Scholarship Application Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Community Scholarship Application?** It is an online scholarship application for Allen High School Seniors which allows them to apply for multiple locally-funded scholarships.
2. **Where do students find the application?** Online at [www.AISDfoundation.org](http://www.AISDfoundation.org) or through Allen High School's Naviance; students will create a user name and password; please write down your user name and password in a secure location.
3. **Does the entire application have to be done at one time?** No, students may save their work and return to finish later.
4. **Is an essay required?** Yes, applicants will choose from 4 essay prompts and must complete one essay as part of the application. The essay is a very important part of the application and is considered for content, quality of expressing ideas, spelling and correct punctuation. We recommend that students write their essay as a Word document and have someone proof it for them prior to adding it to the application. The essay must be the students' original work.
5. **Do students need any additional documents with the application?** Attachments are not allowed with this application; no transcripts are required. However, students must submit the names and email addresses of two teachers and the name and email address of one community member who will serve as references. Once the student enters this information in the application, an email will be sent requesting a reference. This is all done online and no paper references are needed or accepted.
6. **Does a student have to select the scholarships for which they are applying?** No, a student will automatically be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify; this is based on the information which they enter into the application. However, the Kiwanis Club/Key Club scholarships are included in this application and require an additional essay.

7. **What is the deadline for submitting the Community Scholarship Application?** Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4 p.m. However, it takes time for the online system to send and receive teacher and community references for each student. Waiting until the last few days to complete the application is not recommended. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4 P.M. on December 13<sup>th</sup> and the online system will be closed at that time.
8. **What happens after a student submits his/her application?** The applications will be read by the Foundation For Allen Schools Scholarship Committee; students will be selected for an interview based on their application. If a student is not contacted about an interview, they will not be moving forward in the process. Interviews will take place in February and March 2019.
9. **Are all the scholarship based on financial need, athletics or academic performance?** No, the scholarships provided through the Community Scholarship Application have a very broad range of requirements including academic performance, volunteer activities, financial need, field of study, college selected, etc. All seniors are encouraged to apply as there are many opportunities for all types of students to be considered.
10. **When are the scholarship awards announced?** Following the interview sessions, seniors who are selected to receive a scholarship will be notified in early April 2019. Seniors and their parents will also receive an invitation to the Foundation Scholarship Reception which takes place at Allen High School on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.
11. **How do students receive the scholarship funds?** Checks for scholarships are sent directly to the student's selected college or university; a copy of the documentation will be emailed to the student. It is the students' responsibility to verify that scholarship funds have been received in their account.
12. **What do I do if I have a question?** Be sure to read the Application Instructions first; if you need help, go to the AHS College & Career Office and ask for assistance or contact Regina Taylor in the Foundation For Allen Schools office at 972-727-0362 or [regina.taylor@allenisd.org](mailto:regina.taylor@allenisd.org).