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West Texas County Judges and Commissioners,

As the economy has become a daily topic in most of our lives, we know that costs, especially in education, change daily also. With that thought in mind, the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association is now accepting applications for the awarding of scholarships for children or grandchildren of current county judges and commissioners.

College scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750 will be awarded to three applicants during the annual conference in Wichita Falls on April 21.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, an applicant must be a child, grandchild, or under the legal guardianship of a current judge or commissioner. Each of the applicants must be a current resident of a county within the 119-county member region. Each applicant must be a graduating senior for the class of 2026 from a high school within the 119-member county region.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- * Personal résumé
- * Letters of reference (3)
- * Official transcript
- * Completed application form

The scholarship's funds are not derived from tax dollars collected from member dues. Instead, funding comes from previous conference proceeds, not at taxpayer expense.

All entries are to be submitted to Wichita County Commissioner Jeff Watts for Scholarship Committee consideration. **All entries are to be received or postmarked by 5 p.m., April 1, 2026.** Entries are to be sent to:

Hon. Jeff Watts

Wichita County Commissioner
Scholarship Committee, Chair
900 7th St Rm 260
Wichita Falls, TX 76301-2427
jeff.watts@co.wichita.tx.us

West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association Scholarship Application Form

General Information:

Name:	Home Address:
Home Phone:	e-mail address:
Relationship (child, grandchild, etc.) to Current Judge or Commissioner Member:	
Commissioner's Court Member Name (Please indicate if they are Judge or Commissioner), Address and County:	
Commissioners Court Member Phone Number:	
Current High School: (School Name)	School Address:
School Contact Person (Principal, Counselor, Teacher, etc.):	High School Phone Number:
Projected Grade Point Average at Graduation:	
Projected Ranking in Graduation Class:	
What is the Current Enrollment Number of Students in your High School?	
Are you, or will you be a candidate for any scholarship (such as scholastic, athletic, work, etc.)? (You may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary):	
Extracurricular Activities (You may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary):	
Awards & Achievements (You may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary):	

Essay Questions – Attach separate sheets of paper

Essay 1. Tell us in 200 words or less why you are seeking a scholarship and identify any special financial need.

Essay 2. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Please provide with this completed application:

1. Your personal résumé
2. Three (3) personal letters of reference
3. Official transcript
4. SAT or ACT score

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please return or postmark your application by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2026 to:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The scholarship application is to be used for scholarships awarded by West Texas County Judges and Commissioners' Association (WTCJCA). All scholarship applications must be submitted to the chair of the WTCJCA Scholarship Committee on the approved form either by hand delivery, electronic format * (PDF) or **postmarked by 5 p.m., April 1, 2026**. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate the overall comprehensiveness of the application.

ELIGIBILITY

The WTCJCA is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to a child or grandchild of an active member of the association.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

All applications must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Submit a completed scholarship application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
2. The president of the WTCJCA will appoint a Scholarship Committee to review the applications and make the selection.
3. Any application received by the Scholarship Committee chair postmarked after the date of **April 1** shall not be considered by the Committee (electronic PDF application accepted by 5 p.m. on deadline date).
4. Scholarships will be awarded at the annual conference of the WTCJCA.
5. The student's grade average should be considered, but the grades should not be the only factor considered. The needs of the student, whether the student is receiving any other scholarships, the student's sincere desire to attend college, and any other similar information should be considered.
6. Each recipient will be officially notified in writing by the Scholarship Committee chair, Jeff Watts.
7. Upon proof of enrollment to an institution of higher education, a check will be issued to the respective institution in the scholarship recipient's name.
8. Scholarships must be utilized during the fall semester following award.