

Wimberley Democrats Educational Scholarships Application Rules and Guidelines

The Wimberley Democrats are offering three (3) five hundred-dollar (\$500) awards to graduates of high school in Wimberley, TX-- i.e., Wimberley High School (WHS) or the Katherine Anne Porter School (KAPS)--regardless of religion, gender, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. We want to award a scholarship on a needs basis in each of the following areas:

- 1) For attendance at a college/university of the applicant's choice (The Jim Wright Scholarship)
- 2) For attendance on campus at a technical school of your choice; NOT a proprietary educational institution or an online program
- 3) For attendance at a college /university of applicant's choice, majoring in environmental studies (Jack Hollon Scholarship)

The Jim Wright Scholarship has been established in his name in recognition of the much-beloved Texas Democrat and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, known as the "pride of Texas and the nation," and long recognized as a unifying leader with enduring character, who never forgot Texas, and acted upon the courage of his convictions.

The Jack Hollon Scholarship has been established in recognition of the extensive work Jack did to enhance the environment in the Texas Hill Country. Jack was a tireless proponent of efforts to protect water resources both in underground aquifers and in above ground bodies of water.

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Applicants need to fulfill the following qualifications:

1. Be a senior or graduate of one of Wimberley's high schools with plans to attend college/technical school in Fall 2019
2. Submit a short essay describing your experience with the political process and explaining how this \$500 scholarship would address a financial need. (Essay length limit: 250-500 words)
3. Submit one (1) written reference from a teacher or adult who has been influential in your life
4. Submit a one (1) page resume with references listed with contact information
5. Have maintained at least a 2.0 GPA throughout student's final two years in high school

Selection Process:

- These are one-time scholarships to be awarded in one payment of \$500 by check made payable to a different awardee in each of the three (3) scholarship categories.
- The Wimberley Democrats Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the winner of these awards and reserves the right not to select a winner if applicants do not meet the criteria outlined above.

Scholarship applications, essays and references should be returned to your high school counselor at Wimberley High School or the Katherine Anne Porter school.

Application deadline is Friday, April 26, 2019, by the end of the school day. Notification of the winner will be made in May 2019.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

Are you a senior in high school in Wimberley, TX? YES NO

Circle ONE: Wimberley High School OR Katherine Anne Porter

Current GPA: _____

For which scholarship are you applying? (Please check all that apply):

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Name & Location of College/University/Technical School planning to attend for 2019 Fall Semester:

Do you have a part-time job? YES NO

If YES, where? How many hours do you work a week?

Do you have any siblings currently in college? YES NO If YES, how many? _____

Have you received any additional scholarships? YES NO If YES, for what amount total? _____

Are you interested in participating in Democratic Party activities during college? YES NO

I consent to my photo being taken for publicity purposes if I am selected as winner. _____ (Initials)

Please submit the following items along with this completed application:

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