



West Texas School Solutions  
Jostens of Abilene



Make a Difference Scholarship  
**College Scholarship Application**  
For the year of 2016- 2017

**APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: May 12, 2017**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** All high school seniors who have been accepted by any college, university, or trade school offering 2 year and/or 4 year degree programs who demonstrate a desire to make a difference.

**Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Demonstrate involvement in community service
- Document a track record of involvement in school (performing arts, athletics, visual arts or science, service organizations, clubs, etc.)
- Hold a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (and/or demonstrate the ability to succeed at the college level – SAT/ACT entrance exam scores, letters of recommendation)
- A one page (minimum) typed essay explaining the following:
  - Why you chose to go to college and your planned major
  - Why you chose the community service you became involved in, and
  - A little bit about you (current financial need, job, etc...)
- Application submitted by May 12, 2017.

**In addition, all scholarship recipients will be required to supply documentation of the following:**

- U.S. citizenship
- Acceptance to an accredited U.S. College or University
- Enrollment in college in the fall 2017 semester

Applications must be submitted by the application deadline of May 12, 2017. Make sure to include all materials requested for the selection process (incomplete applications will not be considered). All materials received will not be returned.

**When you will be notified:**

Completed submissions will be reviewed by a screening committee based on criteria noted in the application. Finalists will be accepted by the selection committee. Recipients will be notified in writing, by mail, or at school in May 2017. All selection committee decisions are final.



# Make a Difference Scholarship Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
          First                          Middle                          Last                          Suffix

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How many children are in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

How many will attend college this year? \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted for enrollment? (Yes) or (NO)

Have you received other scholarships? (Yes) or (NO)

If Yes, Name of Scholarship & Amount Awarded?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

High School Ranking: \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

**!certify that the information submitted with this scholarship application is accurate, truthful, and sincere! Any falsification or misrepresentation of information can and will result in disqualification. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR COMPLETED and SIGNED APPLICATION:**

1. ATTACH A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
2. ATTACH A HIGH SCHOOL PICTURE
3. Attach a sheet listing extracurricular and community activities, plus any awards and honors for four years of high school. Include any jobs held during high school with employers' names and addresses.
4. A one page (minimum) typed essay explaining the following:
  - Why you chose to go to college and your planned major
  - Why you chose the community service you became involved in, and
  - A little bit about you (current financial need, job, etc...)
5. 2 Letters of recommendation – at least one from a teacher

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact your school counselor or:

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### **The Starfish Story...**

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young girl, and that what she was doing was not dancing at all. The young girl was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young girl paused, looked up and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young girl replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young girl, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young girl bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, she said, "It made a difference for that one." *Adapted from The Star Thrower by Loren Eiseley 1907-1977*