



MATT PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____
(this can be the last four digits only until notification of award)

Gender: Male Female

College you plan to attend _____ Area of Study: _____

Have you been accepted? _____

Financial/Family Support Information:

Father's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Father's Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Father's Occupation _____ Employer: _____

Mother's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mother's Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employer: _____

Guardian name (if applicable): _____
Last First Middle

Number of Children at home: _____ Ages: _____

Number of Children presently in College _____ (fill out detail below)

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Child's Age</u>	<u>College Attending</u>	<u>Full or Part Time?</u>
---------------------	--------------------	--------------------------	---------------------------

(If necessary, add additional page with more information about family members)

Financial/Family Support Information (continued)

Please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's tax return.

___ Under \$25,000 ___ \$25,000 to \$40,000 ___ \$40,000 to \$55,000 ___ Over \$60,000

Please be prepared to provide copies of pages 1 and 2 of your tax return if requested.

Approximate amount of college financial aid you will receive and sources (include other scholarships awarded, amount contributed annually by parents, amount to be contributed from student's savings and any college/university offerings):

How do you intend to finance the remaining expense (parents' income, savings, loans, work)?

Academic Achievements/Transcript Information:

School Name: _____ Years at this school: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____ Size of Graduating Class: _____ SAT score: _____ or ACT score: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities:

List any extracurricular activities in which you participated while in high school. Please note any special honors received or offices held. (Attach an additional page if more space is needed.)

Have you been involved in community service? Please explain.

List details concerning present or past employment. (Add rows if more space is needed)

Employer	Dates of Employment	Approx. # of Hours Worked per Week	Type of Work

Essay

Attach a 300 to 500-word essay as a separate page that explains why you want to go to college and how receiving this award will impact your ability to attend college (either university/junior college or technical school). What are your career interests/goals, and what has motivated you toward this direction? What do you hope to accomplish with your life? Add any information about yourself that you feel is important for the scholarship selection committee to know about you (such as one of eight children or single parent household). If there has been a major obstacle in your life that you have had to overcome (or are continuing to overcome), you might consider disclosing this information. Consider this essay as a way to let the committee know what type of person you are and why you deserve this award. **The essay must be signed by the applicant indicating it is the applicant's original work.**

Interview

As an applicant for the Matt Phillips Memorial Scholarship, you should expect to receive an email from a member of the Board of Directors of the Walt Whitman Foundation requesting a short fifteen-minute telephone interview. This interview is intended to help the Board of Directors get to know you on a more personal level than can be achieved from the scholarship application.

Checklist:

1. Review criteria and application process
2. Verify application due date
3. Complete application
4. Attach transcript
5. Include small wallet size photo
6. Request two references (These references may not be current members of the Board of Directors of the Walt Whitman Foundation.)
7. Follow up to verify references are mailed.
8. Attach essay (with your signature indicating essay is your original work)
9. Mail the completed packet on or before **April 1, 2020** in a brown envelope to:
Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o Walt Whitman Foundation
858 Canyon Court
Abilene, Texas 79601

Name (printed): _____

Name (signed): _____

Date: _____



MATT PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT REFERENCE

_____ has applied for the Matt Phillips Memorial Scholarship. In order that we may appraise his/her qualifications for a scholarship, we would appreciate your candid evaluation, which will be held in confidence by the Selection Committee.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unknown
Personal Integrity/ Character					
Communication Skills					
Maturity					
Service to Others					
Motivation/ Determination					
Leadership					

Please **attach** additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful in assessing his/her qualifications. Please note any distinctive talents or qualities, special personal interests and/or unusual family circumstances. *(It would be truly valuable to the Selection Committee, and helpful to your applicant, if you could be as detailed as possible. Rather than say, "John has shown great leadership potential," instead please explain what leadership roles he has filled.)*

Signature

Title, Position, or Relationship to Applicant

Please print full name

Organization (or company if employed)

e-mail/phone #

Years acquainted with applicant

I hereby authorize the above-named individual to communicate his/her evaluation of my qualifications for the Matt Phillips Memorial Scholarship to the Selection Committee, for its sole use, using whatever records he/she may have available. In addition, I authorize and instruct the Selection Committee to hold these references and evaluations in complete confidentiality, permitting no one, including myself, other than the Committee members to examine them.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please mail this evaluation to arrive prior to **April 1, 2020**
Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o Walt Whitman Foundation
858 Canyon Court, Abilene, Texas 79601