

**GUIDELINES FOR
THE MCKENNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

NATURE OF AWARD

The McKenney Scholarship Trust will grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Abilene, Cooper, Wylie, Jim Ned, Merkel, Trent, Haskell High Schools and ATEMS. The purpose of the award is to provide financial assistance to deserving students and to enable them to continue their education. A further purpose is to give recognition to students with outstanding academic achievement.

This scholarship program is supported by the McKenney Scholarship Trust, and is administered by First Financial Trust & Asset Management Co., N.A., Trustee.

QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- be a graduating senior from one school referenced above
- have a grade point average of 85 or above during the senior year
- exemplify good citizenship
- attend a degree-granting institution (Jr. or Sr. college/university)
- demonstrate serious purpose in the pursuit of knowledge
- financial assistance is needed in order to continue their education

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students applying for scholarships must:

- submit a completed application form
- submit a copy of the official high school transcript, showing estimated grade point average
- request three references, (one must be a high school teacher), to complete an Applicant Reference Form •
*Fill in your name at the top of the Applicant Reference Form. Date and sign the statement at the bottom, then give a form to each of your references to complete.
- provide social security number on a form W-9, completed and signed by the student

The completed application, transcript, three references and a form W-9 (completed by the student) must be mailed to the address below, no later than May 1, 2020.

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR COUNSELOR.

MAIL TO: ABILENE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
ATTN: ELMER MCKENNEY TRUST
P.O. BOX 1999
ABILENE, TX 79604

SELECTION PROCEDURE

A scholarship committee, (of your high school), will review the applications, transcripts and letters of recommendation and select the winners and a sufficient number of alternates. Your counselor will forward this information to First Financial Trust & Asset Management Co., N.A., Trustee of The Elmer McKenney Scholarship Trust.

In the event the scholarship is not accepted or used wholly or in part by the recipient during the academic year for which it is granted, it will be offered to an alternate.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be made as follows:

- A check payable jointly to the college/university for the benefit of the recipient will be mailed in **July** to the Scholarship/Financial Aid Office of the college/university. The student's account will be credited and funds held until the student registers.
 - Endorsement of the check by the recipient and by an official of the college/university is required.
 - The funds may be used for tuition, fees, textbooks, and room & board. **The funds cannot be used for living off campus.**
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- **If the student fails to enroll in the college/university for the first long term in the fall, the college/university will return the funds to the bank. The scholarship will then be offered to a student selected as an alternate.**

THE MCKENNEY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
APPLICATION FORM

DIRECTIONS: THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY. PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION _____ APPROX. ANNUAL INCOME _____

EMPLOYER _____

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT HOME _____ AGES _____

IF THERE ARE ANY CHILDREN IN COLLEGE AT PRESENT, HOW MANY? _____

APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID YOU WILL RECEIVE AND SOURCE:

LIST DETAILS CONCERNING PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYMENT:

<u>DATE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>APPROX. NO. HOURS PER WEEK</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE IN SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY. NOTE ANY SPECIAL HONORS RECEIVE AND OFFICES HELD.

<u>SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM

_____ has applied for the McKenney Trust I Scholarship Award. 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
Intelligence					
Motivation					
Character					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Quality of Written Expression					
Quality of Oral Expression					

Please make additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful in assessing his/her qualifications.

Title or Position

Signature

Your institution, agency, or address

Please print full name

I hereby authorize the above named individual to communicate his/her evaluation of my qualifications for a McKenney Trust Scholarship Award 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.

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