

2025 WCYF Scholarship Application Instructions

Please read this information carefully and complete the official WCYF application.

WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY FROM STUDENTS AND ENTRY DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE PICKED UP FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE BY A WCYF REPRESENTATIVE.

CONDITIONS:

1. Candidates must live in or attend a Wharton County high school.
2. Candidates must be seniors.
3. Home School students will be considered as High School Seniors as long as state requirements are met.
4. Field of study is not limited; however, the candidate must have plans of attending an accredited college, technical school or vocational school with a program leading to certification in an approved field of study.
5. ***Application must be properly submitted on official forms provided by the school counselor or obtained from the WCYF website. All applications must be turned into the school's counselor office by the deadline date of WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025. THERE SHOULD BE NO EXTRA PAGES ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION. Statements must fit in the space provided on the application. Any attachments to the application will be removed and will not be considered as part of the application. All blanks must be completed.***
6. Applications must include official transcripts and copies of SAT and ACT scores. If those are not available a PSAT score should be included. Class ranking is important information, and must be certified by school officials. The application covers general information about school, family, college plans, community service, and other Wharton County experiences. Please fill out the information as accurately as possible and attach the required material listed below to the completed application and copies.
7. You will be notified and assigned a time for an interview. IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE ASSIGNED TIME, YOU MAY CHANGE TIMES WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR SCHOOL. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AT THE INTERVIEW.

Judging will be based on **Application, Fair Involvement, School and Community Service, Academics, Need, Essay, Letter of Recommendation, and Personal Interview**. At the interview the committee will ask questions along these same lines. You will have a chance to speak directly about your future plans and the reasons you may need financial assistance through scholarships. The interview will be a final chance to impress the committee.

All scholarship applicants will be notified by email prior to graduation if they have been granted an award. The scholarship committee can award up to 80% of the scholarship applications received. The amount of the award will be withheld from all recipients until a special Scholarship Ceremony and Banquet that will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. An invitation will be mailed to the recipients and their parents/guardians.

The application must be submitted with an original and *three* copies to your high school counselor.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- 1) ***A completed WCYF Scholarship Application***
- 2) ***One-page essay as to why you deserve a scholarship***
- 3) ***A letter of recommendation from your high school (administration/teachers)***
- 4) ***An official copy of your recent high school transcript. Transcript does not need to be in envelope. (ACT/SAT/PSAT scores may be a part of the transcript)***
- 5) ***One copy of your SAT/ACT or PSAT score, if not visible on your transcript***

→Staple all items together and turn into your high school counselor by Wednesday, March 5th

APPLICATION MUST BE TURNED INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE!

No Exceptions!

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025!