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The Thrall Community Education Foundation (TCEF) is proud to announce we will begin administering the **TCEF Senior Scholarship Program** beginning with the graduates of the Class of 2017!

The administration of this scholarship program was previously the responsibility of the Thrall ISD Superintendent under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. The program was funded by proceeds from the Annual Harvest Festival. Scholarship funds were awarded to Thrall ISD graduates for the first year of study at university, college and/or vocational schools. The initial scholarships were awarded to the Class of 1987.

TCEF, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 2013 with its primary fundraising goal to enrich and support the education of Thrall ISD students. TCEF brought back the Thrall Harvest Festival in 2014, 2015 and 2016 to raise funds for student scholarships, classroom initiatives and professional development. With the fundraising success achieved with these past festivals and hopefully much more successful future festivals, TCEF is ready to take on the responsibility of funding and administering the TCEF Senior Scholarship Program.

TCEF has established new application procedures along with updated eligibility requirements. These procedures and requirements are outlined below:

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?	All students currently enrolled at Thrall ISD High School in their Senior Year.
What are the criteria for consideration?	Enrollment at and graduation from Thrall ISD High School.
How much is the scholarship amount per student?	\$1,000 pending fund availability and years of enrollment <i>(maximum allowable scholarship amount - \$1,000)</i>
How is my scholarship amount determined?	Individual scholarship amounts are determined by the number of years a student has successfully completed a year of study at Thrall ISD High School. For each successful year of study, the student will accrue up to \$250 towards the final scholarship amount. However, if a student enrolls or transfers into Thrall ISD on or after the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the beginning of any high school year, there will be no accrual for that year. The student is eligible to begin accruing up to \$250 per year in the following school year for each successfully completed year of study at Thrall ISD High School.  <b><i>Exception:</i></b> Thrall ISD High School students in the Classes of 2017, 2018 and 2019 that successfully completed the

	2015-2016 school year are eligible for the full scholarship amount. Any new student to the classes listed above that enrolls/transfers subsequent to the 2015-2016 school year is subject to the accrual rate per year as outline above.
What happens to my scholarship accrual if I begin a high school year at Thrall ISD, transfer out at some point during the year but then transfer back into Thrall ISD within the same high school year?	If a student enrolls or transfers into Thrall ISD on or after the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the beginning of any high school year, there will be <u>no</u> accrual for that year.
Do I have to apply for the scholarship to be eligible?	Yes. TCEF requires each student to complete and submit a TCEF Senior Scholarship Application. Paper applications are available in the High School Counselor's Office (College and Career Coordinator). Applications can also be downloaded from the TCEF website <b><a href="http://www.thrallcef.org">www.thrallcef.org</a></b> .  Applications can be submitted in person to the Counselor's Office (College and Career Coordinator) or by email to <b><a href="mailto:info@thrallcef.org">info@thrallcef.org</a></b> .
Is there a deadline to apply for the scholarship?	Yes. Applications must be submitted no later than May 1. If the application deadline is missed, the student will not be considered for the scholarship.
Can I apply for the scholarship if I still have not decided on a college/school yet?	Yes. Complete and submit your application marking the section for college/university/school as undetermined. <b>It will be the applicant's responsibility to submit this information to TCEF at a later date.</b> There will be a submission cut-off date. If a college/university/school has not been selected and TCEF notified by this date, the application will no longer be considered for scholarship. The cut-off date will be listed on the application.
Can I apply for the scholarship after my Senior Year at Thrall ISD High School?	No. Students are only eligible to apply during their Senior Year of High School at Thrall ISD.
When must the scholarship be used by or does the scholarship ever expire?	The scholarship must be used within the 12 months following the student's graduation from Thrall ISD High School.
Will I be required to submit any additional forms or information other than the TCEF Senior Scholarship Application?	Yes. It will be the student's responsibility to find out how and where TCEF should submit scholarship funds in order to ensure they are properly credited to the student account. The TCEF Senior Scholarship Application includes a section to provide this information. However, some institutions have specific Outside Scholarship Donor Forms. Check with your institution's Financial Aid or Scholarship Department. If the student fails to provide TCEF with the proper scholarship submission information for their school, the scholarship will be terminated.  In addition, TCEF reserves the right to request proof of

	<p>registration or enrollment in the college/university/school. If it is determined this documentation is necessary, TCEF will individually contact the student with the request.</p>
<p>Will my scholarship be paid in one payment or in multiple installments?</p>	<p>Scholarship amounts will be paid out in 2 equal installments over the fall and spring semesters following the student's graduation from Thrall High School. Once the proper college/university/school documentation has been provided on the application, installments will be mailed prior to the fall and spring tuition due dates noted on the application.</p> <p>If the student chooses to delay his/her start until the spring semester the 1<sup>st</sup> fall installment scholarship payment is forfeited.</p> <p>For colleges/schools with nontraditional semester dates contact TCEF directly to discuss installment payment options.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Scholarship amount may be limited if it is determined that tuition costs are less than scholarship payment amount.</i></p>
<p>Are there a minimum number of hours I am required to take in order to qualify for the scholarship?</p>	<p>Yes. Students are required to take a minimum of 3 hours.</p>
<p>Will I be required to submit any further documentation for my 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship installment to be submitted to my college/university/school?</p>	<p>Yes. In order for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment to be paid the student must submit a transcript from the 1st semester. <b>All</b> course grades must be at least a "C" in order to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment payment. If proof of grades are not submitted to TCEF by the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester then the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment payment is forfeited.</p> <p>There is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Application that must be completed and submitted along with the student transcript. The application can be downloaded from the TCEF website <a href="http://www.thrallcef.org">www.thrallcef.org</a>.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Application and transcript can be emailed to <a href="mailto:info@thrallcef.org">info@thrallcef.org</a> (preferred method) or submitted in person to the Thrall High School Counselor's Office (College and Career Coordinator). Information must be submitted in a timely manner in order to provide TCEF adequate time to submit tuition payment by the second semester tuition due date.</p>

Will the scholarship check be made payable to the student?	No. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university/school the student is attending <sup>1</sup> .
What types of secondary or higher education expenses can this scholarship be used for?	Tuition and other institutional charges for full or part-time enrollment at an approved 4-year or 2-year degree university/college, or tuition and fees at an approved vocational/technical school in which, upon course completion, the student will be licensed to work in a specific field (ex. electrician, cosmetologist).
When will I find out if my scholarship application has been accepted and how much my scholarship amount will be?	Scholarship recipients will receive a certificate at the Annual Senior Scholarship Banquet. The certificate will state the amount of the individual scholarship and any requests for further documentation will be attached. The Banquet is usually held mid May.
What happens if I transfer colleges after my first semester?	It will be the student's responsibility to notify TCEF of the change of school. If passing grades from the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester are submitted prior to the beginning of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester and the new college's scholarship submission information is submitted timely, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> scholarship installment payment will be made to the new college.  The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment Application includes a section to input transfer information. The application can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.thrallcef.org">www.thrallcef.org</a> .

TCEF is excited to be taking on this new responsibility! It is our hope that ALL Thrall ISD graduating seniors decide to continue on their educational path beyond high school. The **TCEF Senior Scholarship Program** is intended to provide financial assistance to each of our students so this goal can be more easily attained. Please do not hesitate to contact a TCEF Board Member if you have scholarship questions or need assistance completing an application.

We Can, We Will, All Together help build a brighter future for our children!

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<sup>1</sup> In order to ensure funds are used for the intended purposes, educational expenses, TCEF will issue checks to college/university/schools directly. This is in accordance with TCEF approved policy and is the standard policy TCEF chooses to follow for the issuance of scholarship checks.