



*Education Foundation*  
**GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the **Homegrown Teacher Scholarship** offered by the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship is designed to assist a future teacher already in the Homegrown Teacher program.

The following are the requirements for the scholarship:

- Must currently be in the GPISD Homegrown Teacher program
- Career goal is to become a teacher
- Must have a 2.5 GPA or above
- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit an essay about why you would like to receive this scholarship
- Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher
- Attach copy of your transcript – **NO** double-sided copies
- No staples ~ use paper clips

Please forward your completed application by **Friday, April 9, 2021**, to the Education Foundation office located at the GPISD Administration Building.

If you have any questions, please call me at 832-386-1226.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Ethridge*

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# Galena Park ISD Education Foundation Homegrown Teacher Scholarship Application 2021

*(Incomplete applications will be disqualified)*

Please print or type

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending or plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

List your extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any leadership positions you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any honors or awards you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Financial Need

1. What financial needs do you have at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you a parent? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you expect to earn part of your expenses while in college? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you applied for any scholarships or grants? \_\_\_\_\_
5. As of this date have you received any scholarships or grants? If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Anything else we should know? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In a short answer, describe why you want to pursue a career as an educator. Please list any activities or classes you have completed to help prepare you for this career.

## Personal Essay

Write a brief essay (100-200 words) on your goals as they relate to your: 1) Education, 2) Teaching Career and 3) Future Plans in Education.

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## CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the sole property of the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation. I understand that all scholarship checks will be given to the college or university in the student's name.

**\*ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

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*Applicant's Signature*

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*Date*

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

#### **Transcripts, Essay, Letter of Recommendation**

- A college transcript must be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope.
- Applicants must submit a brief essay that provides information about their background, teaching career goals, and future plans in education. Information about unique personal or financial circumstances may be added. Applicants should consider the personal statement as the equivalent to an interview.
- A one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher is required. The letter should detail the applicant's background, achievements, leadership abilities and community involvement. Letters should contain personalized information about the applicant. Form letters will be given minimum consideration.