



Houston Big Game Fishing Club 2022-2023 Scholarship Program

The Houston Big Game Fishing Club Scholarship Program has been established to provide financial aid to qualified students who plan to attend a Texas University or College. The Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee will award scholarships in annual amounts up to \$5,000 for the payment of tuition, campus housing or other university or college expenses. Scholarships will be awarded in such amounts and to such students as will be determined at the Club's discretion. The following criteria will be considered:

- The candidate for a scholarship must be a High School or GED graduate. Preference will be given to students who are pursuing degrees in marine sciences or conservation. The candidate must be accepted at a recognized University or College in the State of Texas and pursue a course of study leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree. The minimum enrollment requirement is 12 hours per semester.
- The personal qualifications considered by the Committee include, but are not to be limited to, the following: Evidence of general aptitude and ability in the area of study; Character of the candidate; and previous academic accomplishments. The Committee will also consider the candidates relative need for the award when compared with that of other candidates.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Complete the 2022-2023 Application for Scholarship (included on next page).
2. Request current high school transcripts and/or college records to include with Application.
3. Please write an essay, two pages maximum double spaced, which must include the following:
 - a. First time applicants:
 1. Explanation of choice of University or College.
 2. Explanation of choice of proposed degree.
 3. Explanation of the financial need for this award.
 4. Describe your active participation in any extra-curricular, community, or charitable programs past and present.
 - b. Previously awarded applicants:
 1. Explanation of choice of degree and progress toward this proposed degree over the last year. Have your plans changed since last year? If so, please explain.
 2. In what area/areas was your scholarship money applied and how did it benefit your education? How would you use any future scholarship money?
 3. Describe your active participation in any extra-curricular, community, or charitable programs over the last year including involvement in HBGFC.
 4. Please update your financial needs.
4. Request two (2) Letters of Recommendation from an advisor, school official or someone familiar with the applicant's character and academic qualifications. The letters should include character, personality, and ability testimonials, as well as a description of applicant's scholastic and extra-curricular activities. Optional for previously awarded applicants. **NOTE: Letters of Recommendation should NOT be submitted with Application. They must be mailed directly to the Chairman of the Houston Big Game Fishing Club Scholarship Program, 2105 Anders Lane, Suite A, Kemah, TX 77565.**
5. Provide a list of the names, addresses and positions of the two (2) people that will submit recommendations on applicant's behalf.

Completed scholarship applications must be received by the Chairman of the Houston Big Game Fishing Club Scholarship Program by **April 1, 2022**. Please e-mail info@hbgfc.com with any questions. Letters of Recommendation and Applications that are received later than **April 1, 2022** will not be given consideration.

