



## Houston Big Game Fishing Club 2024-2025 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 of one (1) \$5,000 to the recipient deemed as the "Randy Bright Scholar" and the remaining selected recipients will receive \$3,000 for the payment of tuition, campus housing or other university or college expenses. Scholarships will be awarded and 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 for Undergraduates and 9 hours per semester for Graduate students.
- 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 candidate's relative need for the award when compared with that of other candidates.

### APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Complete the 2024-2025 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.
    5. Do you have any family members who work in a marine industry including captains, mates, marine mechanics, marine biologists, marine game wardens, or anything else related to a marine industry? If so, please explain.
  - 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 March 15, 2024. Please e-mail [info@hbgfc.com](mailto:info@hbgfc.com) with any questions. Letters of Recommendation and Applications that are received later than March 15, 2024 will not be given consideration.



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### APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

*Application, required attachments and Letters of Recommendation must be received by March 15, 2024.*

Mail completed Application and all attachments to:  
Chairman of the Houston Big Game Fishing Club Scholarship Trust  
2105 Anders Lane, Suite A, Kemah, TX 77565

*Letters of notification will be mailed to all applicants after May 1, 2024.*

**Please PRINT or TYPE all information.**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip code

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State Graduation date

Universities or colleges attended, if any (please list names and dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed place of study: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State Zip code

Proposed degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown at this time \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated time for attainment of degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated expenses per academic year:

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Housing \_\_\_\_\_ Books and supplies \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect income from other sources such as scholarships, loans, parents or other? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to be employed while attending school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about HBGFC's Scholarship Program? \_\_\_\_\_

The above information is true and accurate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant Date