



GEORGETOWN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

“Navigate to a Promising Future”

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Established in 2020, the Georgetown Promise Scholarship (GPS) is designed to financially assist Georgetown students in order to enhance the access and educational opportunities for students who identify as Black/African-American or Latinx. Additionally, the major goal of this scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to students, who plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning, in the areas of tuition, fees, books or vocational and technical training.

Application Deadline: January 22, 2021

I. Award Information

- A. The GPS may provide up to two (2) awards per year:
- **Tuition, Fees & Books** – This award will be offered to a student pursuing a college or university degree, annually in an **amount up to \$2,500.00** per year. As GPS’s funds are available, this award may be renewed for up to one year for a student who demonstrates academic advancement and financial need.
 - **Vocational/Technical** – This award will be offered to a student pursuing a vocational degree or technical certification to acquire skills and/or training to enhance employment opportunities in the workplace. This award will be offered annually in an **amount up to \$2,500.00** per year. As GPS’s funds are available, this award may be renewed for up to one year for a student who demonstrates academic advancement and financial need.
- B. This award is for the academic year beginning in Fall semester and ending in Spring semester or the equivalent of one (1) year of vocational/technical education. Scholarship award will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning.
- C. Any student who is awarded a scholarship is eligible to receive the award for a maximum of two (2) years. **Applications are to be submitted by January 22.** The scholarship recipient is expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 and have completed 12 hours/semester. Consideration may be given for part-time registered students.
- D. To be considered for second-year award, a student may submit copies of his/her class schedule for Fall 2022 (showing number of hours enrolled), and an unofficial transcript of all grades from Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 to the address listed under section VII below. Submit documents by June 30, 2022.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Georgetown, Texas.
- Be registered as a full-time, first-year student at an accredited institution of higher education. Consideration may be given for part-time registered enrollees.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Apply within 10 months after high school graduation.

III. Application Procedure

- A. All applicants must complete the **Georgetown Promise Scholarship Application Form**. In addition, each application must include **an essay** (1-2 pages) outlining:
- how the scholarship will assist the applicant to achieve desired goals in the academic field or vocational/training program,
 - ways that the applicant will contribute to the greater community,
 - other contributing factors:
 - that impact of obstacles, if any, that have prevented the accomplishment of academic and career goals,
 - impact of family life (ex: number of children in the family; highest level of education reached by a family member)
 - if employed, indicate how many hours per week the applicant is working and if applicable, elaborate on the need to continue to work while attending a higher education institution.
- B. Submit an **unofficial transcript** of all grades.
- C. Submit a current **resume**.
- D. Submit **two (2) letters of recommendation** from either of the following:
- A high school faculty or administrative staff member who has known you longer than one (1) semester and who can address your academic performance and campus involvement.
 - A non-relative who has known you for longer than one (1) year and who can evaluate your professional or scholastic ability.

IV. Selection Criteria

- A. The essay statement, academic record, and reference letters will be the primary selection criteria.
- B. Priority will be given to applicants based on financial need and obstacles that have been barriers to achieving academic and professional achievement.
- C. Considerations include, but not limited to, socioeconomic background, cultural heritage, race and ethnicity, extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience.

V. Selection Procedure

Applications will be reviewed and selected by the scholarship's Guidance Committee. Applicants will be notified by **March 1, 2021**. If selected, a student will be requested by the Guidance Committee to submit a photo along with a signed media release form.

VI. Conditions of Scholarship

Recipients are required to be full-time students (12 credit hours per semester) or registered as part-time students and remain in good academic standing. (Example: Minimum GPA average of 2.5) Failure to meet either condition of the scholarship may result in discontinuance of the award.

VII. Submission Mailing Information

Applicant must mail the Application and supporting documentation by **January 22, 2021** to:
Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation, 116 West 8th St., Ste #203, Georgetown, TX 78626 or
Email to: Scholarships@Chisholm-Trail.org