



2016 Immigrant Journey Scholarship Guidelines

To promote higher education Cowles & Thompson established a scholarship program to assist deserving students in the DFW area. In 2016, we are proud to offer three (3) scholarships of \$1000 each. Below is the eligibility criteria with the application attached.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current home-schooled or high school seniors in traditional HS programs
- 1st generation or Immigrant to the United States
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma by summer of 2016
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution
- Minimum 3.0 current GPA

Only applications containing the following documentation will be considered for review:

- Complete scholarship application form
- Essay – Candidate must choose from ONE of three topics listed on attached Scholarship Application (essay must be typed, double spaced, and no more than 750 words)
- Letter or copy of school transcripts showing current school activity and GPA
- Address verification document(s) showing that applicant currently resides in the DFW area
- List of accredited post-secondary institutions student has applied to or has been accepted

Optional – The following documents can be included but are NOT required. They may provide candidate with competitive edge:

- List of any Community Service activities and contact person
- Summary of Candidate's goals
- Resume

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2016. A panel of three (3) independent professionals from the DFW area will review the applications and select the three scholarship recipients who will receive the award during the Immigrant Journey Award Lunch on June 10, 2016.

Application packets must be postmarked by April 30, 2016.

Mail to:
Angela M. Lopez
Scholarship Committee
Cowles & Thompson, PC
901 Main Street, Suite 3900
Dallas, TX 75202

Incomplete scholarship application packets will not be considered.



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IN ADDITION TO APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, CANDIDATE MUST ALSO ATTACH SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY ON ONE OF THE THREE TOPICS (LIMITED TO 750 WORDS, TYPED, & DOUBLE-SPACED):

- “PROS AND CONS OF MIGRATION”
- “IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT IMMIGRATION LAW, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?”
- CREATE YOUR OWN TOPIC PERTAINING TO IMMIGRATION, IMMIGRATION LAW OR YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH IMMIGRATION

ESSAYS LONGER THAN 750 WORDS OR ON MORE THAN ONE TOPIC WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

NOTICE:

THE SCHOLARSHIP CHECK WILL BE DISBURSED ONLY AFTER THE STUDENT HAS COMPLETED THE FIRST SEMESTER OR TRIMESTER OF THEIR POST-SECONDARY STUDIES WITH AT LEAST TWELVE CREDITS OF PASSING GRADES. THE CHECK WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION BOTH IN THE NAME OF THE STUDENT AND THE INSTITUTION. IF YOU ARE AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING SO THE AWARD CAN BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL AS ABOVE DESCRIBED.

IF SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE WITHIN A YEAR FROM THE DATE THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED, THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL EXPIRE AND THE RECIPIENT WILL LOSE ALL CLAIMS TO THE AWARD DOLLARS.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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