

HoustonWorks USA Scholarship Program

Due date: February 17, 2012 (by noon)

Amount: Varies

Organization: HoustonWorks USA

Website address: <http://www.houstonworks.org/>

Download application: <http://www.houstonworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Application.pdf>

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Qualifications:

HoustonWorks USA is pleased to announce the funding of educational scholarships for youth living in the Gulf Coast area. Applicants must be between 17 and 21 years of age. The scholarships will assist students with educational funding for attending local colleges, universities, apprenticeship programs and vocational training schools. The HoustonWorks USA Scholarships are merit-based educational grants.

Applicants should possess a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale. Applicants are encouraged to apply for more than one scholarship to increase their chances of being selected. Although applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple scholarships, only one scholarship will be awarded to each applicant. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the HoustonWorks USA Scholarship Committee.

The HoustonWorks USA Scholarship Committee will consider the following factors when selecting scholarship recipients: Essay (grammar), Letters of Recommendation, Academic Achievement (AP programs), Community Service and Leadership Skills (character development), Focus and Commitment to a field of study, Ability to overcome adversity or obstacles and self-motivation.

Mary Kay Merriman Scholarship

Named after Mary Kay Merriman, this scholarship is awarded to a recipient who has chosen the field of Education as a major, or is working towards a degree in teaching. A champion of education and a HoustonWorks USA Board Member, Mary Kay made her mark on the community as an advocate of social justice, expressed through activism in the Civil Rights and women's movements. As an HISD teacher, spending much of her career at Travis Elementary, she retired in 2003. In honor of Mary Kay's dedication and commitment to Houston's youth through education, a scholarship is established in her name.

T.W. Hudson Scholarship

Named after T.W. Hudson, the HoustonWorks USA Executive Director from 1984 to 2007, this scholarship is awarded to a recipient in an apprenticeship or vocational training program. During his tenure, HoustonWorks USA inaugurated the first one-stop service delivery system in Texas, created a model program linking job training and welfare reform and received the Youth Opportunity grant designed to serve at-risk youth. In honor of Mr. Hudson's dedication to the employment and training community and to the nation's youth, a scholarship is established in his name.

The HoustonWorks USA Scholarship

This scholarship is established to award a son, daughter or grandchild of any employee working in a career office or facility operated by HoustonWorks USA. The HoustonWorks USA Scholarship is solely funded by the HoustonWorks USA employees.

General Scholarships

No less than four General Scholarships is awarded each year. The General Scholarships have no specific requirement beyond those outlined in the Application Process.

All HoustonWorks USA Scholarships are merit-based educational grants.

Other Documents Needed: Please complete the Scholarship Application in its entirety. All application packets must be submitted and received at the HoustonWorks USA Corporate Office on or before Noon, Friday February 17, 2012. All of the following materials must be submitted with the application in the same envelope:

- ☐ Completed and signed Scholarship Application packet.
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Current transcript that includes a cumulative grade point average.
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation

GPA: 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)

Gender: Either

Ethnicity: Any

School: Any

Requires School Committee/Nomination: No