

Scholarship	Details	Who Can Apply	Special requirements
AAUW Endowed Scholarship Fund Abilene Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship	Contact the AAUW form more information. The Abilene Chapter of the National Alumnae Panhellenic Association established the scholarship in memory of Missy Bridwell. This scholarship is for an outstanding young lady who is a graduate of Abilene, Cooper or Wylie High School who has shown outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in extracurricular activities. The recipients of the scholarship should be of high moral character, display evidence of leadership ability, and ability to balance studies with numerous activities.	Scholarship provided through AAUW. National Panhellenic Sorority member (soph, jr or sr year of college). Apply through the Community Foundation.	Member of a Sorority
Abilene A&M Club Scholarship Fund	The Abilene A&M Club Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance for graduates of the Abilene area high schools who are legal residents of Texas and are in need of financial aid in order to attend Texas A&M University at College Station or at Galveston. If you have been accepted for the Blinn Team program you are also eligible to apply for this scholarship. Click "Visit" below to view scholarship application or contact the Abilene A&M Club for an application at Martahollowell@hotmail.com.	Students planning to attend Texas A&M. Contact Abilene A&M Club for application.	Texas A&M
Abilene Founder Lions Club - A.E. Wells	Lion Wells was born in Parker County. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth, received the bachelor of arts degree from Abilene Christian University, and masters degree in education from Colorado State College of Education. He and Zieta Guest were married July 11, 1932, after meeting while students at ACU. Lion Wells admired his familiar nickname, "Poly," when as a freshman at ACU where he frequently wore his bright orange and black letter sweaters earned as a four-sport letterman at Polytechnic High. Lion Wells was a member of the Abilene Founder Lions Club, beginning in 1950, after previous service in the Albany, San Angelo, and Sonora Lions Club as his career in education led him to various public schools where he was employed as a teacher coach, and administrator. He serves as vice president of the San Angelo Lions Club, president of the Sonora club, and as president of the Abilene club in 1966-1967. The Abilene club honored him on his retirement in 1975m after twenty-three years as Superintendent of the Abilene Independent School District, by establishing a scholarship program in his name.	Abilene High or Cooper graduate in the top 25% planning to go to ACU, HSU or McMurry. Apply through the Community Foundation.	ACU, HSU, McMurry
Abilene Founder Lions Club - Randell & Evangeline Watkins Scholarship	The Watkins' primary desire was to assist students who would not usually receive scholarships, but who were quite capable of being successful in college. Dr. Randell Watkins started the recreation department at Abilene Christian University and was a life member of the Lions Club as well as a director of Lions International.	Abilene High or Cooper graduate ranked between #50 and #150 and works at least 10 hours a week. This scholarship is not available every year. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Must work
Abilene Geological Society Scholarship	The objective of the Abilene Geological Society is to promote the sciences of petroleum geology, environmental geology and related technologies in West Central Texas through education and publications to foster the scientific spirit in these fields. The Abilene Geological Society Scholarship provides awards to students in the Big Country (Region 14) who desire to study geology, earth science, hydrology or environmental science.	Graduate from a Region 14 high school ranked in the top half of class (May already be in college) who intends to study geology, earth sciences, hydrology or environmental sciences. Apply through the Community Foundation.	geology
Abilene Reg. Medical Ctr Aux. Scholarship	This scholarship was established to benefit members of the health care profession. The purpose is to assist these professionals in improving their skills and attaining degrees in the health care field.	Must have a certification in the health care field. Preference is given to employees of Abilene Regional Medical Center. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Nursing
Anonymous Scholarship Fund-(Haskell Co. Scholarship)	This scholarship was established to benefit Haskell County graduating seniors.	Haskell County graduate, must have gone to Haskell County high school for at least year. This scholarship is not available every year. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Haskell
Ashley and Sara Abel Memorial Scholarship	The Ashley and Sara Abel memorial scholarships fund was established to honor these two sisters who loved as only sisters can and were best friends too. Ashley Abel (1978 - 2015) and Sara Abel (1983 - 2003) were talented, artistic and creative personalities. As young children many hours were spent "playing" school together. It instilled a gift of learning that served them in their AISD Careers. Ashley loved dance, ballet, and was a member of the Abilene High Gold Rush Dance Team. Sara was Editor in Chief for "The Battery," Abilene High School's newspaper, her junior and senior year. Ashley and Sara would be happy to be helping someone to follow their dreams and receive their college degree.	Graduate or college undergraduate from a Region 14 high school who is pursuing a career in English, literature, writing, journalism, public relations or communications. This scholarship is not available every year. Apply through the Community Foundation.	

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Barbara and Norman Smart Memorial	This scholarship was established in 2005 from the estate of Norman and Barbara Smart in compliance with their wishes that a scholarship be made available to the nursing staff of Abilene Regional Medical Center. Norman and Barbara wanted to show their appreciation to the nursing staff for the thoughtful consideration, dedication, and the compassion shown both of them during their hospitalization at Abilene Regional Medical Center.	Must have at least a CNA Certification and be seeking to pursue a LVN, RN or BSN. Preference is given to Abilene Regional Hospital. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Nursing
Barney Popnoe Memorial Scholarship	The Barney Popnoe Memorial Scholarship was established by one of Mr. Popnoe's former students. Mr. Popnoe taught biology, chemistry, and physics.	Must have attended either Coleman, Panther Creek or Santa Anna High School for at least 3 years. Student must also plan to attend a 4 year university to study science. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Coleman County
Advanced VoIP Solutions Scholarship	The Advanced VoIP Solutions Scholarships' intent is to assist students that have a financial need and have a potential for success in college. Students must be pursuing a career in a STEM field.	Big Country area graduating senior planning to attend Texas Tech or University of Louisiana at Lafayette and pursue a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math or Language Studies. Apply through the Community Foundation.	STEM
Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship	This scholarship was established in 2010 by the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame organization to provide college scholarship awards to any high school senior graduating from an accredited high school in the 19 county area. The selected recipient will be a student who excelled in academics and participated in varsity athletics offered at their high school.	Varsity Athletes from the Big Country who are in the top 25% of their graduating class. Attend High School in one of the following Counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor or Thorckmorton. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Athletics
Big Country Co. Med. Society Alliance	This scholarship fund was established in the early 1970's as a result of Health Careers Day for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical profession. Since that time, the Medical Alliance has continued to support the scholarship cause. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage Big Country students to pursue careers as physicians.	Must have proof of acceptance into Medical School and have graduated from a high school in Taylor, Jones, Haskell or Callahan Counties. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Medical Student
Bob Alvis Memorial Scholarship	Robert H. (Bob) Alvis was born in Anson, Texas, in 1929 to John H. and Vera Smith Alvis. Bob grew up in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School and Hardin-Simmons University, where he was a member of the HSU Cowboy Band. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1953 and then attended school at the University of Texas at Austin where he received his law degree in 1957. Bob was admitted to the Bar in 1956 and was an attorney and partner in the law firm of Wagstaff, Alvis, Stubbeman, Seamster & Longacre from 1957 until his retirement in January 1997. He was board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Bob was director and past president of the HSU Cowboy Band Foundation, serving as Treasurer for many years, and was honored when his portrait was placed on the Cowboy Band "Wall of Fame." He was a member of First Baptist Church and past chairman of the Board of Deacons. Bob was an intelligent and effective leader, businessman, lawyer, and law firm managing partner. He ably represented his clients and loved the law, music, the Church and his family.	Must be a member of the HSU Cowboy Band. Contact HSU Cowboy Band Director to request consideration for this award.	HSU Bank
Bob R. Hefner Scholarship	This fund was established by Bob R. Hefner prior to his death in June, 2010. Mr. Hefner wanted to provided financial assistance to the graduates of Coleman High School who want to attend an accredited trade or vocational/technical college to learn to operate tangible mechanical equipment. This memorial fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Abilene on behalf of the Coleman County Foundation.	Coleman High School graduate planning to receive a certification in a vocational field such as welding, metal fabrication, automotive or aviation maintenance. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Coleman
Casey Leo Huff Memorial Scholarship	The Casey Leo Huff Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to go to a student that is challenged physically, financially and/or academically. A student that carried on in spite of any barriers that might have been in their way.	Graduating Senior from a Taylor County High School with physical, financial and/or academic challenges who plans to attend an accredited vocational technical institution. Apply through the Community Foundation.	
Catherine Aileen Smith-Jones Memorial	This fund was established to honor the life of a young woman who graduated from Cooper High School in 1976 and attended University of Texas in Austin. Cathy had an incredible spirit for life, and a remarkable ability to overcome adversity. Even in death, she offered the gift of life through organ donations and tissue for research.	Graduating Senior who is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Holy Family

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Cathy Springer Leavell Memorial	The Cathy Springer Leavell Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by Cathy's two daughters, M'Lea Leavell and M'chelle Reedy, her son Mac Leavell, her mother, Norma (Sug) Springer and her aunt, LaNelle Hodge, to honor the memory of Cathy. Cathy attended school in Abilene, and graduated from Cooper High school in 1971, followed by a degree in Home Economics from Abilene Christian College (now Abilene Christian University) in 1975. Cathy married Dr. Mark Leavell in 1988 and the couple made their home in Abilene where they owned and operated the Radford Hills Animal Clinic. In addition to her work with the clinic, she was a former member and sponsor of GATA social club at ACU, as well as former president of ACU Parents Association. Cathy was a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ.	Awarded to an eligible ACU woman who is a member of GATA social Club or occasionally to mem who are members of Frater Sodalis. Contact sponsors to request consideration.	ACU
Chuck & Doris Moser Scholarship	This scholarship was established in 1999 by the Abilene Rotary Club and former students of Coach Moser to honor his memory.	Graduate from Abilene High, Cooper High or Wylie who is in the top 25% of their graduating class and has participated in varsity level sports for three years in high school. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Athletics
Clack Educational Fund	Tommie and Bobbie Clack were born on their parents' ranch about three miles southeast of Abilene. Their parents, Missouri and Frances Clack, also had five sons and their father supported the family through the ranching operation and by practicing law in Buffalo Gap. Tommie started her education at Colony Hill rural school and later joined her sister at the Abilene public schools, where they finished high school. Tommie and Bobbie both attended Peabody College, and Tommie graduated in 1902 and Bobbie in 1906. After doing post-graduate work at schools including the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Chicago, Tommie taught public school at Clyde, Colorado City, Midland, Seminole and Abilene. Bobbie taught at Colorado City, Edna, Elmdale and Abilene. The teaching span of Tommie and Bobbie lasted almost fifty years. While they were in Abilene, both sisters were active in many civic organizations. Bobbie was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Tommie was president of the Daughters of 1812 and a member of the Twenty-One Club, the Abilene Parent-Teachers Association and the Texas State Teachers Association. In their half-century teaching careers, the Clack sisters have influenced thousands of students. The Clack educational Fund ensures that, in their absence, education is as important as it was in their presence	Graduate from Wylie High, Abilene High or Trent and be ranked in the top 5 of their graduating class. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Top 5
Davis Kinard-Kate Nutter Memorial	The Davis, Kinard/Kate Nutter Memorial Scholarship was established by the partners of Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C., to honor the late Kate Nutter, CPA, a partner in their firm. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial help for junior and senior accounting students at our local universities. This award rotates among the three Colleges of Business of Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry University.	This scholarship provides financial assistance for junior/senior accounting students as a two year renewable award. The award rotates between the three local universities, 2020 MCM, 2021 ACU, 2022 HSU. Contact Dean of the College of Business to be considered.	
Dr. Edgar Martin Harp Memorial Scholarship Fund For Medicine	This scholarship was established by Ruth Harp Gibson of Nolan County to honor the memory of her father, Dr. Edgar Martin Harp.	You must have proof of acceptance in an accredited school of Medicine or school of Veterinary Science and have graduated from a Nolan or Taylor County High School. Student must also have at least a 3.0 gpa. Scholarship is not available every year. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Medical Student
Eula M. Kruse Scholarship	The Eula M. Kruse Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Mrs. Kruse.	Winters High School graduating senior in the top 20% of graduating class who has attended WHS for at least two years (including your senior year). Apply through the Community Foundation.	Winters
Floy Hodge Scholarship	The Floy Hodge Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Floy Hodge.	Winters High School graduating senior in the top 25% of graduating class who has attended WHS for at least two years (including your senior year). Apply through the Community Foundation.	Winters
Fred Lee Hughes Memorial Scholarship	The Fred Lee Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up to honor the memory of Fred Lee Hughes. The scholarship is to be awarded to an Abilene ISD or Wylie ISD graduate who will be attending Texas A&M University.	Graduating seniors from Abilene High or Wylie High who plan to attend Texas A&M.	Texas A&M

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From Harm to Home Scholarship	<p>Despite being a new arrival to West Texas in 1995, Dr. Angela Nicolini credits being embraced with open arms by the people of Abilene for the fact that her optometry practice thrived beyond measure. For 16 years she provided eye care for patients in and around Taylor County, before retiring from optometry and pursuing a path in teaching. She became an adjunct professor of Biology at Hardin Simmons University in 2012, and has enjoyed her second career immensely. To Dr. Nicolini, education is the key to making sure you are on the correct path to success.</p> <p>Dr. Nicolini has served on numerous boards and committees during her time in Abilene. Her volunteer work for the International Rescue Committee puts her in contact with people from all over the world who have also adopted Abilene, Texas as their home. In 2014, Dr. Nicolini decided she wanted to offer assistance to the refugees whom she observed to be working diligently to build a better life in her adopted city. She is thrilled to be the founder of the 'From Harm to Home Scholarship' that will benefit refugees who have escaped persecution and strife in their own homelands. She hopes that the funds they receive will, in some small way, take some of the burden off their shoulders as they further their education at a local school of higher education. And she hopes that they have found Abilene to be the embracing and nurturing home that she has grown to love and call her own.</p>	<p>To be eligible for this scholarship you must prove refugee status, have arrived in the US within the last five years, speak fluent English and plan to attend college and/or technical school at one of the Abilene schools. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	
Gilbert Cook Memorial Scholarship	<p>This Memorial Scholarship fund is in honor of our dear friend and family member, Gilbert Cook. He was born November 7, 1960 and went to be with his savior on January 25, 2001. Gilbert was a devoted husband, loving father and friend to all he came in contact with. His love for kids and others who needed a helping hand led him to be involved in several charitable organizations and fund raising events, giving his time and his many resources in order to help others. Whether he was volunteering to help at a Team Roping, Rodeo, Sweetwater Jaycee's Rattlesnake Roundup, or showing young people how to ride a horse, play Pop Warner football, or just teaching them right from wrong, he was always helping others. Gilbert was a true leader in the eyes of both young and old, not because he tried to be but because he was truly admired and respected by all he came in contact with. His love and passion for helping others continues to live on through recipients of this memorial scholarship fund.</p>	<p>For students graduating from Abilene High, Cooper High, Wylie High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Trent High or Sweetwater High. The award rotates between these high schools, check website to see if you are eligible. 2020 schools-Cooper, Wylie, Jim Ned, Merkel, 2021 schools - Wylie, Abilene, Trent, Sweetwater Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	
Ginny Ryan Memorial Scholarship	<p>Ginny Michelle Ryan, the only child of Hal and Nancy Ryan, was born on December 13, 1976 in Quanah, Texas. Ginny attended school at Paducah until the fifth grade, where she was involved in U.I.L. "Story Telling" and 4-H. After the Ryans moved to Abilene, Ginny attended Jackson Elementary School and Wylie Middle and High Schools. At Wylie, Ginny joined the Foreign Language and Speech and Drama Clubs. Ginny was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was two years old. Though the disease is terminal, she never doubted that she would beat CF. Her attitude was: "They'll find a cure." According to her parents, one of Ginny's greatest dreams was to someday attend college. Ginny Ryan's positive attitude let her live life to the fullest, even in the face of such an unconquerable obstacle as CF. Her kindness and com- passion will be sorely missed, yet her dream will come true and her memory will live on through the Ginny Michelle Ryan Memorial Scholarship.</p>	<p>Graduating seniors from Wylie High and Paducah High. You must have attended for at least 3 years, including your senior year. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Wylie</p>

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Gold Star Memorial Scholarship	<p>The Gold Star Memorial Fund was established to honor the families of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives protecting this country through military service since the events of "9/11". The symbol of a Gold Star indicates the family members have lost their loved one either during combat or due to accident or illness during active duty. These Gold Stars may be seen on vehicle license tags or hung as a banner in a family's window. The Gold Star displayed symbolizes the honor and glory granted the soldier for the supreme sacrifice in offering his/her life in service of this country and recognizes the last full measure of devotion and pride of the family in this sacrifice. Many Americans were inspired with renewed patriotism to join military efforts after our country was attacked by foreign terrorists on "9/11". Because we have lost soldiers who graduated from Abilene High and Cooper High, we want their lives remembered through this scholarship. This scholarship is in memory of: Sgt. Joshua M. Boyd, Cooper High, 1995</p> <p>Cpl. Reuben M. Fernandez III, Cooper High, 2004 1st Lt. Doyle M. Hufstедler, Abilene High, 1997, Sgt. Christopher D. Loza, Abilene High, 2002 Cpl Phillip McGeath, Cooper High 2005</p> <p>Lt. Nathan White, Cooper High 1991</p> <p>Pfc. Adam J. Harris, Cooper High -</p>	<p>This scholarship is provided to a student from Abilene High or Cooper High who has been a member of ROTC. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>ROTC</p>
Greater Abilene Ministers Alliance Scholarship	<p>The Greater Abilene Ministers Alliance (GAMA) Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 to provide scholarships to African-American graduates from Taylor County and the surrounding area. Students from Abilene High and Cooper High are eligible to apply with preference given to GAMA church members.</p>	<p>This scholarship is awarded to a student who attends on of the Greater Abilene Ministers Alliance Churches or to a student who attends Abilene High, Cooper High, ATEMS, Holand Medical or is Home Schooled. Preference is given to GAMA church members. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	
GySgt. Robert K. Keller Memorial	<p>The GySgt. Robert K. Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of GySgt. Robert K. Keller.</p>	<p>You must be in the top 25% of your graduating class from Abilene High, Abilene Christian High, ATEMS, Baird High, Clyde High, Cooper High, Eula High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Trent High, or Wylie High with a gpa of 3.0 or greater and plan to attend ACU, HSU, McM, Clemson, TSTC or Cisco. You must also have a parent who is currently serving or is a retired service member. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Military or Family Military</p>
Harold Dean Wade Memorial Scholarship Fund	<p>Harold D. Wade spent much of his adult life serving others as a Christian educator. As a first generation college graduate, he believed strongly in the power of education to change lives, and his commitment to Christian education helped transform the lives of countless students and families. Harold cared deeply about people and helping them become all God created them to be, and he saw Christ based as a wonderful tool for changing the world. His daughters founded this scholarship to continue Harold's legacy for generations to come.</p>	<p>Graduating seniors from an accredited Texas or Oklahoma High School who will be graduating in the top 15% of their class and plans to attend a Christian College/University as a full time student. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Christian College</p>
Hazel Nunn Scholarship for HSU Business	<p>This scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Hazel Nunn, a long-time resident of Nolan County, Texas, through a bequest from her estate. Mrs. Nunn taught business in the Sweetwater School System for many years and continued to promote education thorough her gifts to the library and other educational services provided to Nolan County residents. Her memory will live through the college educational grants provided by this fund.</p>	<p>This scholarship is intended for students from Blackwell High, Highland High, Roscoe High or Sweetwater High who plan on going to HSU to study Business. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Nolan County</p>
Hazel Nunn Scholarship for HSU General Studies	<p>This scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Hazel Nunn, a long-time resident of Nolan County, Texas, through a bequest from her estate. Mrs. Nunn taught business in the Sweetwater School System for many years and continued to promote education thorough her gifts to the library and other educational services provided to Nolan County residents. Her memory will live through the college educational grants provided by this fund.</p>	<p>This scholarship is intended for students from Blackwell High, Highland High, Roscoe High or Sweetwater High who plan on going to HSU for General Studies. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Nolan County</p>
Hazel Nunn Scholarship for TSTC	<p>This scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Hazel Nunn, a long-time resident of Nolan County, Texas, through a bequest from her estate. Mrs. Nunn taught business in the Sweetwater School System for many years and continued to promote education thorough her gifts to the library and other educational services provided to Nolan County residents. Her memory will live through the college educational grants provided by this fund.</p>	<p>This scholarship is intended for students from Blackwell High, Highland High, Roscoe High or Sweetwater High who plan on going to TSTC in Sweetwater. Apply through the Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Nolan County</p>

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Herman Ray (Buz) Buzbee, Jr. Memorial Music Scholarship	Herman Ray Buzbee Jr., also known as "Buz," was born in Galveston, Texas to Dr. H. Ray Buzbee Sr. and Mabel Eda Nelson. Buzbee was raised in Abilene, where he contributed much to the community through his musical talent. Over time, Buzbee became proficient with the piano, the keyboard, the organ, the saxophone, and the guitar. In 1962, when he was a member of the first graduating class of Cooper High School, Buzbee composed the music for the school fight song, which re-mains in use today, and played "Pomp and Circumstance" at the Baccalaureate ceremonies. Buzbee also attended Hardin- Simmons University, where he received his B.A. in economics in 1966. In later life, Buzbee's love for music was evidenced by his memberships in the National Academy of Songwriters and the Austin Songwriters' Group. Buzbee married Susan Scar-borough Coleman on November 29, 1969 and pursued a real estate career in Austin, Texas. Buz Buzbee's passion for life and for music will be continued by his children, Courtney and Brandon, and by the recipients of the Herman Ray "Buz" Buzbee Jr. Memorial Music Scholarship.	This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Cooper High who has excelled in musical performance. Contact the Cooper High School counselor for more information.	Cooper
Hollis Hayes Pinkston Scholarship	The Hollis Hayes Pinkston scholarship is in memory of the Pinkston's 5 year old son. Hayes loved animals, farming and working with his dad on the tractor. We want to give back by helping someone that shares the same passion as our little guy did.	Graduate from a Texas High School who will be studying in an Ag related field. If you are already attending college you must have at least 30 college hours.	Ag Related field
Horace M. Condley Scholarship	Horace M. Condley (1902 - 1994) was born in Giles County, Tennessee, to Alonzo and Grace Condley. After his father's death in 1908, Horace's mother, due to limited resources, took the family of five to live with relatives in Waxahachie, Texas. Shortly before his 16th birthday, Horace's mother died of influenza. However, Condley persevered, finishing high school and taking correspondence courses in bookkeeping. At the start of the West Texas oil boom, Condley moved to Eastland, where he married Mary Louise "Mickey" Bunkley on July 20, 1924. In 1939, they moved to Abilene where he founded his own accounting firm, now known as Condley and Company, L.L.P. Condley instilled in the firm the same ethics he displayed in his own life- principle and service. Accordingly, Billy Edwards, long-time friend of Mr. Condley and acting manager of the firm, recalls one of Horace's favorite sayings, "The only thing a professional person has is his reputation." Moreover, granddaughter Polly McCandless remarks: "He would be a role model that anyone could fashion their life after and be proud of." Horace Condley's legacy will live on through the Horace M. Condley Scholarship Fund.	This scholarship provides financial help for upperclassman (junior and senior) accounting students at McMurry University. Contact the McMurry Business Department Dean for consideration.	
Independent Insurance Agents of Abilene	This scholarship was established by the Independent Insurance Agents of Abilene in 1998 to recognize a graduating senior who has exhibited interest in and/or aptitude for the American free enterprise system. Such interest could be demonstrated best by enrollment in the economics courses offered at his/her high school and/or by applying financial aptitude toward school or extracurricular activities in promotion of strong business skills.	This scholarship is offered on a rotating basis to students from Abilene High, Cooper High and Wylie High (Cooper 2020, Wylie 2021, Abilene 2022) Graduating seniors who exhibit interest in and/or aptitude for the American free enterprise system by enrollment in economics or financial aptitude toward school. Contact the senior counselor to request consideration.	
J. Henry Doscher, Jr. Scholarship	J. Henry Doscher, Jr. was born on January 5, 1921 in Houston. His father, J. Henry Doscher, Sr. moved there after completing his education in his hometown of Bremen, Germany. It was in Houston that Doscher, Sr. met his future wife, Maynette Shearn, a fourth generation Texan. Shortly after the birth of their son, the family moved to Sweetwater. Doscher, Jr. completed his first eight years of education in the Sweetwater schools and then attended St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas. He then earned a Bachelor of Arts at Amherst College, a Master of Arts at Hardin-Simmons University, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Texas at Austin. Serving in the Navy during World War II, he retired with the rank of Captain. Moving to Abilene in 1950, Doscher practiced law, served as a professor at McMurry University, and became active with civic organizations. He is the author of two published books, Subchaser in the South Pacific and Little Wolf at Leyte. Knowing the benefits of higher education, he has created the J. Henry Doscher, Jr. Scholarship Fund in hopes that it will benefit many future students.	This scholarship is to provide financial help for upper classmen (junior or senior business students at McMurry). Contact the Dean of Business to request consideration.	

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J. Middleton Memorial Scholarship	Friends of the late Sheriff John Middleton established this fund to honor the Sheriff who passed away on September 21, 1991. John Middleton graduated from Ballinger High School and served in the United States Army for two years. He joined the Taylor County Sheriff's Office as a guard, was promoted to a deputy and then to chief criminal investigator. He was elected sheriff in 1980, then re-elected in 1984 and 1988. In the opinion of many people, John Middleton was known to be one of the most honest, loyal and dedicated men ever to serve Taylor County and accomplished infinitely more than his job demanded. The Sheriff John Middleton Scholarship will continue to honor one of Taylor County's finest men.	Scholarship is awarded to an employee or dependent of an employee of a Taylor County Law enforcement agency, the French M. Robertson Unit or the John Middleton Unit. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Taylor County Law Enforcement
Jack Mildren Memorial Endowed Scholarship	The Jack Mildren Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by the Cooper High School Class of 1968 in memory of Jack Mildren (1949–2008), a fellow class-mate who was genuinely kind and impartially friendly to all he met and a dramatic high school football quarterback that instilled Cougar Pride in his hometown as he led the Cooper team to the Class 4A state championship game in 1967. After high school, Mildren became famous as the "Godfather of the Wishbone" while quarterbacking at the University of Oklahoma. (1969-71). After his collegiate days, Mildren joined the ranks of the pros for three seasons, playing defensive back for the Baltimore Colts and the New England Patriots. In 1990, Mildren became Oklahoma's 22nd Lieutenant Governor, a post he held until 1995. Mildren also served as the Vice Chairman for the Arvest Bank Group, and as a sports commentator at Jox 930 WKY. Jack Mildren embodied the important attributes for a successful life – academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.	This scholarship is awarded to a Cooper High graduating senior ranked in the top 25 and has gone to Cooper for their Junior and Senior year. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Cooper
James P. Hopper Memorial Scholarship	James Pernell Hopper was born on August 30, 1969 to Loyd and Edwina Hopper. James attended school at Talpa-Centennial (which later became part of Panther Creek I.S.D.). James participated in sports, particularly football, basketball, and track throughout elementary, junior high, and high school. He received All-State Alternate in football his senior year. He was also involved in U.I.L. One Act plays where he received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast" as a sophomore. He was an active member of 4-H for seven years, participating in several projects including trapshooting in which he earned many awards. James was strongly involved in Future Farmers of America where he was named "Star Greenhand." James also contributed to the civic life in his community. He served as a member of the Coleman Junior Chamber of Commerce for three years during high school and was an active member of the Valera Baptist Church. In short, James was a kind-hearted young man who was well liked by his classmates and peers. He thought of others before himself and lived life to the fullest. Who he was and what he did, enriched his family and friends. That memory will live on through the James Hopper Memorial Scholarship.	Graduates of Panther Creek High. Apply through the Community Foundation	Panther Creek
Jane A. Rhodes Scholarship	The Jane A. Rhodes Scholarship Fund was established for students involved in Young Life.	Students who attend Abilene High, Cooper High or Wylie High who have been an active member of Young Life during their high school years and plan to attend a Texas state-supported college or university. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Young Life
Janet Parkey Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship, established by the 1997 AHS class officers, honors the memory of Janet Parkey, who was a quiet hero and a teacher willing to go the extra mile for her students. Her scholarship is designed to recognize students who have been superior students while at Abilene High, exhibiting a high degree of participation in student activities while maintaining an above average grade point.	Abilene High graduating senior who has attended AHS for the last two years and has a gpa of 3.2 or higher. Apply through the Community Foundation.	AHS
Jay Hatcher Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship, established by the Alumni Association of the Abilene Citizens Police Academy, honors the memory of Abilene police detective Jay Hatcher, who died tragically in a pipeline explosion in Potosi, September, 2000.	Students from Abilene High, Abilene Christian High, ATEMS, Cooper High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Trent High, or Wylie High who are the child of an Abilene Police Officer with a gpa of 3.4 or greater. Must have attended eligible high school for the last two years. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Taylor County Law Enforcement

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Jean and Curly Hays Scholarship	The Jean and Curly Hays Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 to provide financial assistance to deserving upperclassmen (Junior and Senior) and graduate students to continue their education. This award will be given to Abilene area students who are currently enrolled in college or returning students who encountered financial difficulties that forced them to postpone completion of their education.	This scholarship is awarded to students who are classified as at least a junior in an accredited college or university. Student may be enrolled in graduate school. Applicant must be an alumni from a Taylor County High School. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Already in College
Jesse M. and Bernice M. Pyeatt Scholarship	Non-traditional student. This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to deserving single mothers who are currently attending or will be attending any local accredited school to attain certification or a degree so that she might better support her family. The recipient may be a part-time or full-time student. The recipient must be a single mother with custody of a child under the age of 12 at the time of the application. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better in order to renew the scholarship each semester. A reference is required. It may come from your pastor, a past or current employer, one of your college professors or a family friend (no relatives).	Awarded to a single mother with custody of a child under 12 years of age who plans to seek a degree and/or certification from an institution of higher learning. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Single mom
Johnathan Tschaar Memorial Scholarship	Johnathan Wesley Tschaar (1979 - 1995) was an optimistic young man who was actively involved in high school and the community. Some of his particularly outstanding achievements lie in the arena of agriculture. John was a member of the Taylor County 4-H Club and the Abilene High School Future Farmers of America chapter. He was particularly interested in exhibiting market lambs at local and regional stock shows. In 1995, Johnathan showed the Grand Champion Medium Wool at the Taylor County Livestock Show. Johnathan also helped his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tschaar and brother Matt, in various capacities at the family farm, and was a member of the Brook Hollow Christian Church. In a society of few leaders and many followers, Johnathan displayed leadership through his activities and involvement. His memory will live on through the Johnathan Wesley Tschaar Memorial Scholarship.	Awarded to a graduating senior from Abilene High, Cooper High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Trent High or Wylie High who has been an exhibitor at the Taylor County Livestock Show. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Livestock Exhibitor
Karen Adair Price RN Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship is a memorial to Karen and her enduring dedication to patient care and for the advancement of careers in nursing. To financially assist full-time Abilene College students majoring in a Health Science Nursing Degree program. And this memorial is being offered on behalf of the finest person in my life who is greatly missed.	Students will be required to be enrolled in a local nursing school program (Texas Tech, ACU, Patty Hanks Shelton or Cisco College)	Nursing
Kay Whitton and Lessie (McCormick) Terry Scholarship Fund	This scholarship was founded to pay tribute to Lessie (McCormick) Terry and Kay Whitton. The benefactor, a long-time Texas businessman and resident of the Tuscola area, wanted to honor both ladies for their impact on his life and community. Lessie (McCormick) Terry has been wife, friend, and companion of Bill Terry for 64 years, growing and nurturing a vibrant, loving family, consisting of three children, and numerous grand children and greats! Their families have produced more than 35 educators over the years, and both Mr. and Mrs. Terry have been actively involved in service to their community, particularly through their work with the Lions Club, both locally and state-wide. After working for 17 years for two law firms, Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages, and a local CPA firm, Kay Whitton felt called to return to the classroom to teach. She was employed by Jim Ned HS for 24 years, teaching Money Matters, Business Law and Accounting, as well as a College Prep course to help students prepare for the next chapter in their lives. Her most passionate extracurricular activity was Academic UIL, coaching several different teams in her 24 years and serving as Academic Coordinator for 9 years. She loved helping students achieve their goal of competing at the State level in Austin. Kay has been married to her wonderful husband Mark for more than 30 years and is blessed to be mom, and Granny KK, to her children, Patrick and Kayla, their spouses, and their children. She also loves teaching Bible classes at her local church.	Jim Ned graduating senior who has participated in UIL Academic Competition. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Jim Ned

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Kemper Scott Hamilton Memorial Scholarship	Kemper Scott Hamilton graduated from Abilene High School in 1982. While an Eagle, Scott had many close friends and was a standout performer on the football and baseball fields. Upon graduation, Scott accepted a football scholarship to The University of Texas. While at Texas, Scott met his wife Sarah. They had two daughters, Kemper and Callen, who both followed in their parents' footsteps to the University of Texas. Scott passed away suddenly, and way too soon at just 32 years old, on October 13, 1996. Mark Elam, one of Scott's coaches at Abilene High, said this of Scott: "Scott was a leader. He led in so many ways and it was obvious he was comfortable in that role. His character drew others to him naturally. His fierce competitive nature was tempered with his humor and caring for others." Scott was a friend to all. His infectious smile was contagious. Scott enjoyed life and wanted all that surrounded him to enjoy it with him. Scott never took more than he gave and he was always willing to help - whatever the situation. He was a true friend. This scholarship honors Scott in a way that he would be proud. Scott loved Abilene High and to know that his name is helping a student athlete from his alma mater continue their education would bring a smile to his face.	This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding athlete from Abilene High. Applications are available through the Abilene High School Athletic Department.	Athletics
Kim and Jim Snyder Texas A&M Scholarship	The Kim and Jim Snyder Scholarship for Texas A&M University was established to honor the contributions and dedication of James R. Reynolds, Texas A&M University.	Students planning to attend Texas A&M. Contact Abilene A&M Club for application.	Texas A&M
Lady Clyde Hooper Memorial Scholarship	A scholarship has been established by Kyle and Kirk Hooper, in memory of their mother, Lady Clyde Hooper, who was a Sweetwater High School teacher for many years. The scholarship provides funding to a graduating senior from Sweetwater High School who plans to attend an accredited Texas four-year college/university or accredited community college having two-year programs leading to Associate or similar degrees. Preference shall be given to a student who intends to prepare for a career in education.	This scholarship is for a graduating high school senior from Sweetwater High School. Contact the Sweetwater High Principal or counselor to request consideration.	Sweetwater
Leo and Piney Scott Scholarship	Leo and Piney Scott came to Abilene in 1961 and became actively involved in education and the community. Rev. Scott was pastor of the New Light Baptist Church and served on numerous boards until his death in 2009. Piney Scott is a retired school teacher and was a counselor for 37 years. She, too, has served on numerous boards as a community volunteer. Piney continues to be involved in church and civic organizations with a desire to make Abilene a great community for everyone. This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students currently enrolled in college and who have been active in their church, with a preference for an African-American student.	African-American student from the Big Country area who is involved with their local church and has completed one full year of education at a two or four year college/university and maintained a minimum 2.0 gpa. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Already in College
Mabel Winton Educational	This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Mabel Winton, a former teacher who understood first hand the value of education. As noted below in the eligibility criteria, it is the donor's intent that the scholarship be for Hardin-Simmons University student enrolled in the HSU postgraduate certification program and needs financial assistance to reach his/her goals.	This scholarship provides assistance to students requiring postgraduate certification. The recipient is selected by the Education Department of HSU. Contact the Director of Education Department to request consideration for this award.	HSU
Margaret Wheeler Kennedy Scholarship	The Margaret Wheeler Kennedy Scholarship, established by her children, R. Michael Wheeler, Gay Wheeler Gilroy, Susan Wheeler Johnson, and J. Greg Wheeler, honors their mother and her commitment to children, Church and education.	Graduating senior in the top 25% of graduating class who is an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Francis Catholic Church or St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Catholic Church
Marguerite & Ike Chism Scholarship	The Marguerite and Ike Chism Scholarship provides funding to a student from Albany High School who plans to major in engineering or physics in college as a full time student. Recipients of this scholarship will be selected on basis of academics, the student's character, potential for success in college, and need for financial assistance. The student's transcript must reflect the student's scholastic readiness for college course work in engineering or physics.	Albany High graduating senior in the top 25% of graduating class who plans to attend an accredited college or university in Texas to study engineering or physics. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Albany
Marie Denham Memorial Scholarship Fund	Marie Denham (1921-2002) worked with the children of Abilene for 29 years as a class-room teacher, counselor and administrator. She was a counselor at Abilene High School from 1963 to 1977 and served as the Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling for AISD from 1977 to 1986.	Graduating senior from Abilene High with a gpa between 3.2 and 3.8. Apply through the Community Foundation.	AHS

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Mary & George Minter Memorial Scholarship	The Mary and George Minter Memorial Scholarship was established by their daughters, Martha Ferguson and Sally Duncan Walls, to honor their parents' dedication to education and the community of Abilene. Mary Minter was instrumental in establishing the AISD Special Education Program as well as being a founding member of the Junior League of Abilene. George Minter served as Abilene Chamber President and Mayor for the City of Abilene. For many years, the Minter family owned Minter's Department Stores (originally known as Minter's Dry Goods when it opened as the first department store in Taylor County).	This scholarship is awarded to the salutatorian from Abilene High or Cooper High with the highest final gpa.	Salutatorian
Mary Bailey Memorial Scholarship	Mary Bailey worked as a teacher's aide, secretary, and bookkeeper for the Cisco Independent School District for over 30-years, retiring in 2011. A native of Carbon, Texas, Mrs. Bailey married Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey in 1965 and they made their home in Cisco. She worked tirelessly to support the youth of Cisco in their many endeavors both at work and as a volunteer. She was also active in her church and her community. Mrs. Bailey passed away in the fall of 2012. Her children have established this fund in her memory to honor her desire to help students from Cisco achieve their fullest potential. The Mary Bailey Memorial Scholarship provides funding to a graduating senior from Cisco High School who plans to study at a two or four year college or accredited vocational/ technical school in Texas.	Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Cisco High. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Cisco
McClellan "Think On" Memorial Scholarship Fund	The McClellan "Think On" Memorial Scholarship was established by brothers Russell and Stan McClellan to honor the memory of their parents, Billy Lynn McClellan and Joy Goodman McClellan, as well as the many relatives and ancestors who bear the name of the ancient Scottish Gaelic "Clan McClellan." The scholarship derives its name from the Clan McClellan motto: "Think On." This motto can sometimes be seen in Latin as "superba frango" or "I break the proud." According to legend, in the 15th century, King James II of Scotland offered a large reward for the capture of a notorious criminal. Sir William McClellan hunted down and killed the criminal, and brought the severed head to King James to claim the reward. When the king failed to honor his promise, Sir William responded "Think On!" thus prompting the king to fulfill his promise, restoring substantial lands and honor to Clan McClellan. As a result, the motto of Clan McClellan is the challenge to "Think On." Descendants of Sir William settled in Coleman County, Texas in the early 1900's, where the spelling of the name took on several forms, including the modern variant "McClellan." The McClellan "Think On" Memorial Scholarship was established to honor this family's history in Central Texas. Much of the extended family history is preserved in three books authored by Billy and Joy McClellan, one of which is entitled The E. S. McClellan Clan: From 13th Century Scotland to 21st Century America. More information on these books can be found at the Think On website: www.thinkon.us Billy McClellan and Joy Goodman grew up in Central Texas around Coleman, Santa Anna, and surrounding towns. They graduated from Howard Payne College and were married for over 62 years until Joy's passing in 2017. As inheritors of the Clan McClellan traditions, Billy and Joy taught their sons	Coleman High or Santa Anna High graduate who plans to major in a STEM field. Students planning to attend Howard Payne or Texas A&M will be given preference. Apply through the Community Foundation.	

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McMahon Surovik Suttle, P.C. Scholarship	During its existence of over 100 years, McMahon, Surovik, Suttle, PC has earned a distinguished reputation for service to the citizens and business community of Abilene, the Big Country, and West Central Texas. The firm has established this scholarship to honor retired partners Stephen Suttle and Bob Surovik. Steve Suttle joined the firm in 1967 following a two-year term as briefing attorney for Hon. Leo Brewster, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Mr. Suttle spent his career as a civil trial and appellate lawyer handling a broad range of cases including anti-trust, insurance, personal injury, products liability, professional liability (accountants, engineers, doctors, lawyers), banking and commercial litigation, oil and gas leases, construction, eminent domain, consumer, employment disputes, wills and estates. In addition, he briefed and argued over 60 appeals in state and federal courts and served as a mediator appointed by courts and parties to assist in the resolution of lawsuits. Mr. Suttle's thorough preparation of his cases, respect for the courts, as well as for opposing counsel and parties, and his trail skills and ethical conduct received recognition from his peers by invitations to fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates and election as a Director of the State Bar of Texas. Bob Surovik joined the firm in 1963. That same year he was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. In 1973, the State Junior Bar named him the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Texas and he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Surovik ultimately became the President of McMahon, Surovik, Suttle, PC where he conducted his business, banking, probate and estate planning practice for over 50 years. He was named again	This scholarship is awarded to a Big Country alumni who has been admitted to an accredited law school in Texas. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Law
NAIF - Abilene Assoc. of Ins. Financial Advisors Scholarship	This scholarship was established by the Abilene Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors to recognize an outstanding business student with financial need. The scholarship rotates annually among the three local universities and is awarded to an upperclassman (junior or senior year). The award for academic year 2014-15 is to an Abilene Christian University student.	This scholarship rotates annually among the three local universities and is awarded to an upper level college student (junior or senior) majoring in business administration. ACU 2020, HSU 2021, MCM 2022. Contact the Business Department Dean to request consideration.	
Nancy and Ted Paup Big Country Hall of Fame Scholarship	This scholarship was established in 2010 by Nancy and Ted Paup in association with the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame to provide awards for area students who excelled in academics and participated in athletics offered at their high schools.	Varsity Athletes who are in the top 25% of graduating class and attend High School at Abilene High, Cooper High or Albany High. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Albany, AHS, CHS
Nicholas Whitaker Memorial Scholarship	This fund was established by family and friends of Nicholas Whitaker to honor his memory. Nick, a 2002 graduate from Wylie High School, was active in sports, theatre, choir and P.A.L. He was named "Best All-Around Boy" of his class. His love and compassion for friends and classmates will be remembered by all who knew him.	Wylie High graduating senior who participated in Music or theater in high school and plans to study music or theatre in college. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Wylie
Nolan County Foundation Scholarship	Nolan County Graduates	Awarded to eligible graduating seniors who attended a high school in Nolan County. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Nolan County
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Endowed	This scholarship was established to assist students enrolled in the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing (or in the associated program at a local university).	This scholarship is awarded annual to an upper level nursing student at the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing who is interested in public health or school nursing career. Recipient is selected by the PHSSN Scholarship Selection Committee. Contact PHSSN to check eligibility.	Nursing
Pearl Jackson Scholarship	This scholarship was established in memory of Pearl Jackson for Winters High School students.	Winters High graduating senior in the top 25% of graduating class who has attended Winters High for the past two years.	Winters

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Perry Bentley Memorial Scholarship	Perry Bentley (1953 - 1986 was born in 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bentley. Bentley and his siblings, Jon and Kitty, were raised in Abilene. Encouraged by the support of his family, Bentley's interest in art began in childhood. During his years at Cooper High School, Bentley won his first art competitions. He attended college at McMurry University, taking almost every art course listed in the catalog. While at McMurry, he also developed a fondness for the theatre, and once played three roles in the same theatrical production. Bentley also took courses at Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, and the University of Texas at El Paso. In 1982, Bentley's increasing artistic skill and reputation enabled him to produce a one-man show at the Delahunty Gallery in Dallas. He was also the founding director of the Texas Artist's Federation, which supports individual artists and increases art awareness among the public. In addition, Bentley worked as an interior decorator, designing many Dallas restaurants and businesses. In short, Perry Bentley helped define modern art for West Texas. His passion and dedication are an example to us all. His memory will live on through the Perry Bentley Memorial Scholarship.	The Perry Bentley Memorial Scholarship provides a four-year scholarship for the area high school senior who is selected as the winner of the annual art show at McMurry University held in the spring. The recipient must plan to attend McMurry University to be eligible for the award. Contact McMurry School of Art and Letters for information.	McM
Randy Polk Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship was established by Marla Polk to honor the memory of her husband, Randy Polk. Throughout Randy's life, his passion for sports, music and life made him the ultimate fan. As his boys, Justin and Wesley, participated in a variety of activities while attending Abilene Cooper High School, Randy was a frequent fixture at Cooper football, basketball and soccer games. Even after his sons graduated, Randy would still be found at Cooper sporting events cheering on the Cougars. This scholarship is designated for a deserving Cooper High graduating senior who has participated in a wide range of activities including fine arts, athletics and student government as well as participation in faith-based activities outside of high school campus. The applicant must want to further his/her education in a four year college/university in the United States.	Cooper High graduating senior in the top 20% of graduating class who participated in student council, fine arts and/or athletics. Apply through the Community Foundation.	CHS
RC & Elizabeth Hoppe Memorial Scholarship	Robert and Elizabeth Hoppe were integral parts of the Abilene community before most Abilenians were born. Robert Cottman Hoppe's family moved to Abilene when he was barely six months old. After graduating from Abilene High School in 1923, he studied engineering at Rice Institute in Houston. Becoming Abilene's city engineer in 1937, Hoppe planned much of the construction for Lake Fort Phantom. Later, Hoppe served as the city manager for Sweetwater, Midland, and Waco. Hoppe returned to Abilene to oversee his interest in Hoppe Auto Electric Service. An Abilene native, Elizabeth Grey Wood also attended Abilene High School. After graduating from Hardin-Simmons University, Elizabeth taught for the Stamford School District. Robert and Elizabeth were married on April 8, 1931 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene. The care with which they treated their children, Robert Hoppe and Mrs. Holt Magee, was the care that they extended to all. The Hoppe's continually spoke of the future and refused to dwell on the past. Their dedication to the future through education will live on through the Robert C. and Elizabeth Hoppe Memorial Scholarship.	Awarded to a graduating senior from Abilene High, ATEMS, or Holland Medical School with a 3.0 gpa or higher. Student must plan to attend one of the three local universities. Apply through the Community Foundation.	
Reach for a Difference Scholarship	The Reach for a Difference Scholarship is offered to any graduating senior with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or diagnosis on their Individualized Education Program (IEP). The applicant pool will be from the Region 14 area.	This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from the Big Country with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or has this diagnosis on your individualized Education Program (IEP) and plans to attend an accredited college or university. Apply through the Community Foundation.	
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc. Scholarship	This scholarship was established for children or grandchildren of current Rentech Boiler Systems employees.	This scholarship is awarded to a child or grandchild of a current Rentech Boiler Systems employee. Apply through the Community Foundation.	

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Rodney Holder Memorial Scholarship	In memory of Rodney Holder, Abilene Police Officer (1960-2010), a scholarship is granted annually to a child of an active full time first responder which includes Abilene Firefighters, sworn Abilene Police Dept. Officers, sworn Taylor County Sheriff's Deputies, the APD-AFD Dispatchers and TCSO Public Safety Dispatchers. Rodney was a devoted husband, loving father and a special friend to so many people. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10	Awarded to a child of an Abilene or Taylor County First Responder who plans to be a full time student at a U.S. college or university. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Taylor County Law Enforcement
Ross Jones Memorial Scholarship	Ross William Whyte Jones was born in Abilene, Texas on January 7, 1986 to William F. "Sonny" and Cynthia "Cindy" Jones. He attended Austin Elementary, Madison Middle School and Cooper High School. He was a member of the Cooper Freshman Football Team. He excelled in several sports: Dixie Baseball, Family Life Basketball, Pop Warner Football and Big Country Soccer "Magic" Teams (which was his favorite sport). Ross was a high spirited young man who loved life to the fullest and dearly loved his family and friends. Ross Jones died tragically in an accident in 2001. This memorial scholarship is to honor his life.	Cooper High graduating senior who has participated in varsity football or soccer for the past two years. Apply through the Community Foundation.	CHS
Roy Churchill Memorial Scholarship	Roy Churchill was well know for his achievements as an Abilene High and ACU baseball player in the 1970's. Mr. Churchill's scholarship is awarded annually to an Abilene High graduating senior who participated in varsity athletics and demonstrates high Christian morals, leadership, academic achievement and a belief in hard work. Contact the AHS Athletic Director/coach to request consideration for this scholarship.	Awarded annually to an Abilene High graduating senior who participated in varsity athletics and demonstrates high Christian morals, leadership, academic achievement and a belief in hard work. Contact the AHS Athletic Director/coach to request consideration for this scholarship.	AHS, athletics
Ruth & Bill Burton Memorial Scholarship	Bill and Ruth Burton—West Texans who knew how to live in honor of their church and their community—are remembered in the Ruth and Bill Burton Memorial Scholarship established by their daughter, Shellie B. Evans. Bill J. Burton was born in 1923 in Seymour and graduated from high school in Hamlin. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a P-38 pilot. After the war he attended Texas Tech and after graduation, moved to Abilene where he was an independent geologist. Ruth Crowson Burton was born in Amarillo, but lived in Abilene all her life. A graduate of Abilene High, she was editor of the AHS newspaper, The Battery. Ruth and Bill were introduced to each other by Bill's younger sister; they married in 1947. Ruth attended Hardin-Simmons where she received her B.A. and M.A. in English. Ruth taught at Madison Junior High where she sponsored the Madison Messenger and started Sagebrush Scribbles, a student literary magazine. The Burton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to seniors graduating from Abilene High School and Cooper High School.	Abilene High or Cooper graduating senior or alumni planning to attend a four year college/university. Apply through the Community Foundation.	AHS, CHS
Ruth Hatcher and Joe Williamson Memorial Music Scholarship	This scholarship honors the memory of Ruth Williamson's parents who cared deeply about music education in Abilene. The award goes to a McMurry junior or senior student working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree or a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Contact the Dean of the Arts and Letters to request consideration.	The award goes to a McMurry junior or senior student working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree or a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Contact the Dean of Arts and Letters to request consideration.	McM
Senora Stacy Horton Sanchez Scholarship	The Senora Stacy Horton Sanchez Scholarships was established to honor the love, passion and spirit that Stacy was able to share with the world. This scholarship will go to someone who embodies the type of friend, teacher and artist that Stacy was.	Jim Ned or Wylie High graduating senior who plans to major in Art or Education. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Jim Ned, Wylie
Stanley & Claudie Wilson Scholarship	The Stanley and Claudie Wilson Scholarship was established to assist deserving young people from the Abilene area (Taylor County and adjoining counties) who wish to attend college. This scholarship will give preference to students desiring to prepare for a legal or literary career. Special consideration may be granted to students planning to attend The University of North Texas, The University of Texas at Austin, Rice University, Trinity University, UCLA or the Julliard School, although all students are encouraged to apply.	Graduate or alumni from Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Runnels, Shackelford, or Taylor counties in the top 20% of graduating class or who has at least a 3.0 gpa in college. Must be perusing a legal or literary degree and plan to attend the University of North Texas, UT Austin, Rice, Trinity, UCLA or Julliard. Apply through the Community Foundation.	

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The Dollie Lane Harp Memorial Scholarship Fund For Classical Music	This scholarship was established by Ruth Harp Gibson of Nolan County to honor the memory of her mother, Dollie Lane Harp	Awarded to graduating seniors from Nolan or Taylor County who have a 3.0 or higher gpa and plan to major in Classical Music at a university or conservatory in the U.S. that offers a degree in Music with an emphasis in the Classics and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Music
Tillie Odam Memorial Scholarship	Mrs. Eloise "Tillie" Odam was born on April 20, 1910 on her parents' ranch near Pecos, Texas. In 1914, she moved to Abilene with her parents, George and Ethel Morris. She graduated from Abilene High School in 1927. The following year, Tillie married John Will Odam of San Angelo, Texas. They had one child, John Will Odam, Jr. Tillie was one of Abilene's first medical X-Ray technicians. She helped organize the first society for X-Ray technicians and served as its first president. She was a charter member of the Texas Society of X-Ray Technicians and later served as its president. From 1930 until 1942, Tillie was head of the X-Ray department at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. In 1954, Tillie became the director of the newly-established School of Medical Record Technicians, a position which she held until 1978. During her term, Tillie greatly influenced her more than 200 students, who were known as "Tillie's Girls." In 1978, she retired from Hendrick Medical Center after 48 years of service. In the span of nearly five decades, Tillie Odam made a lasting impact on society by touching the lives of her students and patients. Her memory will live on through the Tillie Odam Memorial Scholarship.	Graduating senior from the Big Country who plans to enroll in a Health Information or Allied Health program such as Medical records-billing, transcription, ultrasound/sonography, radiology, surgical or cardiovascular technician. Apply through the Community Foundation.	
Todd Moore Memorial Scholarship	Todd Moore (1966 - 1990) was an optimistic young man who was as passionate about golf as he was about life. With the support of his parents, Wayne and Reba Moore, Todd learned golf as a child and considered it a life-long interest. Todd's passion for the game grew as he played for Cooper High School and the University of Texas at Austin. Many considered him talented enough to play competitively on a professional level. But Todd was not only a remarkable golfer, he was a remarkable person. One of Moore's college friends re-called: "Todd was always upbeat.... he never had a	Graduating senior from Abilene High, ATEMS, Baird High, Clyde High, Cooper High, Eula High, Hamlin High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Robert Lee High, Trent High or Wylie High who played varsity golf during their junior and senior years. Apply through the Community Foundation.	golf
Tom Kutch Memorial Scholarship	Tom Kutch graduated from Wellington High School in 1951 at the age of 15. He hitch-hiked to Texas A&M that summer where, after a break to serve in the Army, he received a B. S. in Agricultural Education. He later received a Masters in Education from Abilene Christian College and completed his certification in administration from Abilene Christian University. Tom Moved to Rule in 1957 where he taught Vocational Agriculture for 20 years, served as Principal from 1977-1990, and as Superintendent until his retirement in 1994. The education of young people was very important to Tom. He was dedicated to his school, to its improvement, and to helping students who wanted to advance both in their education and their life.	This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Rule High School. Contact Rule High School to be considered.	Rule
Virginia Kiker Hughes Memorial Scholarship	The Virginia Kiker Hughes Memorial Scholarship, established by Bill and Sherry Kiker in loving memory of their aunt, honors her productive life filled with joy and vitality. Virginia loved being with her large family at their ranch in Silver Valley near Coleman as well as taking trips with her mother, Alesa Kiker, and her daughter, Susan Hughes Kratt, to Alaska, the Caribbean and many places in Europe. After Virginia's husband, Veryl Hughes, passed away, she helped her sons carry on the family's oil business. Virginia's expertise and attention to detail about all aspects of drilling and completion are legendary.	Graduating seniors from Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall and Taylor who plan to attend an accredited vocational/technical college such as TSTC or Cisco College. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Vocational

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West Texas Hereford Association - Curly Hays Scholarship	Curly Hays, late husband of Jean Hays, died in 1987. Curly was the farm and ranch representative for West Texas Utilities. His work with 4-H, stock shows and local football touched many young lives. Because of his agriculture ties, the West Texas Hereford Association named a scholarship in his honor in 1988. This scholarship was transferred to the Community Foundation in 2005. His work as a long-time referee for sporting events in Abilene was recognized posthumously in 2006 by induction in the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. Curly Hays was probably the best-known football and basketball referee in the history of the Abilene chapter, working middle school, high school, and college games up until the time of his death. The state award for the top football official is named for Curly Hays.	Must have exhibited livestock with preference given to members of the Junior Hereford Association. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Show cattle
WesTex Drilling Co-Robert Cockrell Memorial	Robert Benjamin (Bob) Cockrell was born in 1921 in Dallas. He was a fourth generation descendent of Alexander and Sarah Cockrell, early Dallas pioneers. After graduating from UT with an engineering degree, he came to visit Abilene during the oil boom era of the late 40's and early 50's and soon returned to stay. 1954 was a landmark year - Bob married Martha Austin and founded Wes-Tex Drilling Company, an oil exploration and production business. Myrle Greathouse became his partner in the company shortly thereafter. The company's success demonstrated Bob's belief in education, motivation, and hard work. He was a dedicated member of First Central Presbyterian Church and in his spare time enjoyed raising cattle and horses in Cross Plains. Bob Cockrell believed strongly that people could better their lives through education and skill and would be proud of these opportunities established in his name.	Awarded to graduating seniors from Abilene High, Cooper High, Jim Ned High, Merkel High, Trent High or Wylie High with a 3.5 or higher gpa and plans to pursue a career involving engineering, science or math. Apply through the Community Foundation.	
Wilburn H. "Blue" Denham Memorial	This fund was established by the family of "Blue" Denham in his honor. Mr. Denham was a long-time Abilene resident and a 1940 graduate of Texas A&M. The Abilene Texas A&M Club Scholarship Committee recommends the recipient of this annual award. The recipient must be a graduating senior from Abilene High or Cooper High School and must attend Texas A&M University. Contact the Abilene A&M Club for an application at Martahollowell@hotmail.com.	Abilene High or Cooper student planning to attend Texas A&M. Contact Abilene A&M Club for application.	Texas A&M
Winters Area Foundation Scholarship	The Winters Area Foundation has designated scholarships for Winters High School.	Winters High graduating senior in the top 25% of graduating class who has attended Winters High for the past two years.	Winters
Winters Area Red Raider Scholarship	The Winters Area Foundation has designated these scholarships for Winters High School planning to attend Texas Tech.	Winters High graduating senior who plans to attend Texas Tech University. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Winters
Winters Area Foundation Alumnus Scholarship	This, scholarship through the Winters Area Foundation, is intended for students who are graduates of Winters ISD and have completed at least one year of college.	Graduates of Winters High School	Winters
Zach Moore Memorial Scholarship	Zach Moore (1976 - 1992) was a musician. Motivated by the support of his parents, Wayne and Terri Moore, Zach began to play drums at the early age of two and learned the fiddle at age thirteen. He attended Panther Creek High School, where he continually brightened the lives of his classmates. Zach's mother recalled: "Zach's friends were of all ages, he loved music and the out-doors. He believed in people and in himself. His smile came from within, which is what made it so beautiful. If time were measured in quality, number of lives touched, or joy spread, Zach would have been a very old man when he was taken from us." In short, Zach Moore was an exceptional human being. His memory will live on through the Zach Moore Memorial Scholarship.	Coleman High or Panther Creek High that have attended for the last 3 years and plans to attend a two or four year college or a vocational/technical college. Apply through the Community Foundation.	Coleman, Panther Creek
Zach Robinson Memorial Scholarship	Zach Robinson was born on March 24, 1986 in Abilene, Texas to Matt and Paige Robinson. He was a member of the Cooper High golf team before graduating in 2004. Zach was always ready for a round of golf with friends. Another sport he loved was snow skiing and enjoyed spending time skiing in the mountains with his family. Zach's life was also filled with the joys of music and guitar. He used his talents in various ways and touched the lives of those around him. Zach's joyful life will be remembered with each scholarship award from this memorial fund.	Attended Abilene High or Cooper High for the last 3 years and has exhibited sustained interest in golf and/or choir during their high school years. Apply through the Community Foundation.	golf, choir