



CUERO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for 2024 CHS GRADUATING SENIORS

Requirements:

Thank you for your interest in applying with the Cuero ISD Education Foundation. Before beginning your application please review the following list of requirements.

- *You must be a 2024 graduate of Cuero High School to be eligible.*
- *You must submit the following documents with your application to be eligible:*
 - a. *Current UNOFFICIAL transcript from Cuero High School*
 - b. *A resume in PDF format (you can learn more about the resume requirements below)*
 - c. *A headshot photo of yourself in JPG format*

In addition, if you would like to be considered for the Fischer "Helping Hands" Scholarship, you must provide one of the following: your parent or guardian's current 1040 (page 1), your [Student Aid Report](#) (SAR), or your completed [FAFSA](#) in PDF format.*

After your application is submitted, to continue to be eligible you must request an OFFICIAL transcript be sent from Cuero High School to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation by the scholarship deadline.

In addition, to continue to be eligible, you must submit two current, signed, and dated letters of recommendation on letterhead from a member of the clergy, recent employer, educator, or community leader to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation at info@cueroedfoundation.org by the scholarship deadline. You can learn more about the letter of recommendation requirements [HERE](#).

It is the student's responsibility to confirm that all required documents have been received by the Cuero ISD Education Foundation by the scholarship deadline.

If you are awarded a scholarship, it is highly encouraged that you write a thank you note to the scholarship donor(s). You can submit your thank you notes to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation to be delivered to the scholarship donor(s).

** A copy of your Student Aid Report is the preferred document option. To obtain a copy of your SAR, see [HERE](#).*

Please reply to the questions below as they relate to you, the scholarship applicant.

1. In what year will you graduate from Cuero High School?

Contact and Personal Information

2. First Name
3. Last Name
4. Phone Number
5. Alternate Phone Number
6. Email Address
7. Mailing Address
8. Gender
9. Please submit a recent headshot photo of yourself for potential publication if chosen as a Cuero ISD Education Foundation scholarship recipient. Please refrain from submitting "selfies." While professional photography is not a requirement, the photo should exhibit a professional appearance.

Academic Information

10. Cumulative GPA at Cuero High School.
11. Class rank at Cuero High School.
12. Do you have a copy of your unofficial transcript from Cuero High School?
13. Please upload a copy of your UNOFFICIAL transcript in PDF form.

Higher Education

14. Which of the following institutions are you planning to attend during the Fall 2024 semester?
 - a. College or University
 - b. Community College Certification Program or Trade School

College or University

15. During your high school career, were you an active member of the National Honor Society?
16. In which years were you an active member of the National Honor Society?
17. During your high school career, did you earn any hours for dual-credit and/or dual-enrollment courses?
18. Total number of hours of dual-credit and dual-enrollment courses.
19. Do you already know which college or university you plan to attend during the Fall 2024 semester?
20. Please list the college or university you plan to attend during the Fall 2024 semester.
21. If you answered no, please list the colleges or universities to which you have applied.
22. In 300 words or less, please specify the degree plan you intend to pursue, explain why you chose the degree plan, and describe your career goals and aspirations.

Certification Program or Trade School

23. Do you already know which certification program or trade school you plan to attend during the Fall 2024 semester?
24. Please list the community college certification program or trade school you plan to attend during the Fall 2024 semester.
25. If you answered no, please list the community college certification programs or trade schools to which you have applied.
26. If attending a community college certification program or trade school, which of the following categories does the program you plan to pursue fall under?
 - a. Engineering & Manufacturing
 - b. Construction & Maintenance
 - c. Computer & Information Technology
 - d. Environmental & Safety
 - e. Transportation
 - f. Allied Health
 - g. Aviation
 - h. Hospitality/Culinary Arts
 - i. Cosmetology
 - j. Digital Art & Media
 - k. Other
27. In 300 words or less, please specify the program you intend to pursue, explain why you chose the program, and describe your career goals and aspirations. Take this opportunity to tell us about any CTE courses you have taken during your high school career and any certifications you have earned that have impacted your decision.
28. Which type of instruction will you be participating in?
 - a. In-person
 - b. Hybrid (a combination of online and in-person)
 - c. 100% online
29. Which type of degree or certification will you be pursuing?
 - a. Associate degree
 - b. Advanced certification
 - c. Certification
 - d. State license

Extracurricular, Community Service, and Work History

30. Please share, in 300 words or less, insights into one community service activity you engaged in over the past year. Please elaborate on the reasons behind your choice to participate, the personal impact of the experience, your specific contributions to the activity, and how this encounter has shaped your educational and career goals. If you were unable to partake in a community service activity within the last year, kindly utilize this opportunity to provide an explanation for the absence.

As part of the application process you must provide a copy of your resume that includes the following:

- A list of the extracurricular activities you have participated in during your high school career. Please include the approximate dates of involvement and offices or leadership roles held.
- A list of the youth and/or community organizations you have participated in during your high school career. Please include the approximate dates of involvement and offices or leadership roles held.
- A list of the odd jobs, summer jobs, part-time jobs, full-time jobs, and internships you have held during your high school career. Please include your employer's name as well as the approximate dates of your employment and hours worked per week.
- A list of the honors and awards you have received both in and out of school during your high school career. Please include the approximate dates the honors and awards were received.
- A list of the community service activities you have participated in during your high school career. Please include the approximate dates of service and number of hours served per activity. Failure to include the estimated number of hours served per activity will result in zero (0) community service points awarded.

31. Upload your resume as a PDF, black font on white background only.

32. Are there any extenuating circumstances that have affected your ability to achieve in school or participate in extracurricular activities and/or community service during your high school career or that have affected your family's current financial situation that you would like to be taken into consideration?

Exceptional Personal Circumstances

The phrase "exceptional personal circumstances" is intentionally broad, providing you with an opportunity to address any factors that may have impacted your academic performance or prevented you from participating in extracurricular and/or community service activities.

Exceptional personal circumstances can include a range of occurrences including, natural disasters, prolonged illnesses or injuries, legal or disciplinary matters, or personal events that significantly disrupted the applicant's life. Exceptional personal circumstances can include circumstances that, while not singular events or major life changes, posed additional challenges to completing or engaging with schoolwork. Examples of such challenges could include dedicating substantial time to a job to support your family financially or facing connectivity issues like poor wifi that hindered your ability to complete homework.

33. Please explain, in 300 words or less, any unusual circumstances that have affected your ability to achieve in school or participate in extracurricular activities and/or community service activities during your high school career or that have affected your family's

current financial situation (i.e., extraordinary medical expenses, parent or guardian's loss of job, multiple siblings in college, etc).

Essay

34. You must write and submit a one-page essay with your application. The essay must be 600 words or less, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. You may choose one of the following essay questions:
- What are your academic and career goals?** Please specify the educational goals you intend to pursue, explain your long-term goals, and describe how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your educational and career goals.
 - What hardships have you encountered and how have they shaped you as a student?** Please highlight any extenuating circumstances that have affected your ability to achieve in school or participate in extracurricular activities and/or community service activities during your high school career or that have affected your family's current financial situation, explain how these hardships have shaped you as a student, and describe how receiving this scholarship will help you overcome these circumstances to achieve your educational and career goals.
 - How have you contributed to your community?** Please share insights into one community service activity you engaged in over the past year. Please elaborate on the reasons behind your choice to participate, the personal impact of the experience, your specific contributions to the activity, and how this encounter has shaped your educational and career goals.

Official Transcripts

35. You must acknowledge the following requirements to submit your application.
- [checkbox]* I agree to request from Cuero High School that my OFFICIAL transcript be sent to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation by the scholarship application deadline.
 - [checkbox]* I understand if I fail to do so, my scholarship application will be forfeited.
 - [checkbox]* I understand that it is my responsibility to confirm that my OFFICIAL transcript has been received by the Cuero ISD Education Foundation by the scholarship application deadline.

Student Evaluation Forms

A Cuero ISD Education Foundation Student Evaluation form can be downloaded under the Scholarship section of the [How We Help page](#) of the Cuero ISD Education Foundation website.

36. You must acknowledge the following to submit your application:
- [checkbox]* I have provided a Cuero ISD Education Foundation Student Evaluation form to my Government/Economics teacher and English IV teacher and have asked both to submit the completed forms to the Cuero ISD Education

Foundation at info@cueroedfoundation.org by the scholarship application deadline.

Letters of Recommendation

37. You must acknowledge the following requirements to submit your application.
 - a. *[checkbox]* I agree to submit two current, signed, and dated letters of recommendation on letterhead from: a member of the clergy, recent employer, or director of a non-profit organization with which I volunteer; an academic advisor or teacher.
 - b. *[checkbox]* I understand that the required recommendation letters must be sent to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation email address by the scholarship application deadline at info@cueroedfoundation.org or my application will be forfeited.
 - c. *[checkbox]* I understand that my recommendation letters should not be dated more than three months in advance of the scholarship application deadline and should not be written by someone who has not interacted with me personally during the last year.
 - d. *[checkbox]* I understand that recommendation letters should provide details regarding my character, work ethic, and dedication to school and community.
38. Do you have letters of recommendation to submit at this time?
39. Please upload your letters of recommendation.

Proof of Registration

1. You must acknowledge that you understand the following statement:
 - a. *[checkbox]* I understand that, if I am awarded a scholarship, I must submit proof of my Fall 2024 registration before funds will be released.
 - b. *[checkbox]* My proof of registration must show that I am enrolled in at least 12 course hours for the Fall 2024 semester.
 - c. *[checkbox]* I understand that it is my responsibility to submit proof of registration to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation via email at info@cueroedfoundation.org.

Frederick W. Fischer "Helping Hands" Scholarship

Applicants for the Fischer "Helping Hands" Scholarship must demonstrate their financial need, indicating an insufficient budget to cover some or all of their higher education expenses. This implies a substantial requirement for financial support to successfully pursue their college degree, in addition to federal grants, student loans, part-time employment, and other income sources.

To verify financial need, students must submit one of the following: their parent or guardian's current 1040 form (page 1), a copy of the student's [Student Air Report](#) (SAR), or the student's completed [FAFSA](#). It is crucial to provide this documentation as part of the application process. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from consideration for the Fischer "Helping Hands"

Scholarship, although it will not affect eligibility for other scholarships offered by the Cuero ISD Education Foundation.

40. Would you like to be considered to receive the Fischer "Helping Hands" Scholarship?

Financial Need Verification

41. Please provide a detailed list of the grants and scholarships you have been awarded to date? Include the name of each grant and/or scholarship, the amount awarded, and the semester(s) in which those funds will be disbursed to you.
42. Please upload a copy of your parent or guardian's current 1040 (page 1), a copy of the student's Student Aid Report (SAR), OR the student's completed FAFSA.
43. You must confirm that, if you are awarded a Frederick W. Fischer "Helping Hands" Scholarship, you understand the additional requirements pertaining to transcripts:
 - a. *[checkbox]* I commit to initiating a request for an e-transcript be sent directly to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation from the college, university, or accredited trade school I attend at the end of the Fall 2024 semester, due no later than December 20, 2024. If an e-transcript is not an option available to me, I will request a paper version be mailed instead. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to follow up with the Cuero ISD Education Foundation, ensuring the successful receipt of my official transcript, by contacting them via email at info@cueroedfoundation.org. I understand that my failure to do so will result in my scholarship application being forfeit.
 - b. *[checkbox]* I commit to delivering a copy of my Spring 2025 registration showing a minimum of 12 credit hours to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation no later than December 20, 2024. I understand that I should deliver this to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation via email at info@cueroedfoundation.org. I understand that my failure to do so will result in my scholarship application being forfeit.
 - c. *[checkbox]* I understand that I will need to provide the following information to the college, university, or accredited trade school I attend: Cuero ISD Education Foundation, info@cueroedfoundation.org, P.O. Box 987, Cuero, Texas 77954.

Applicant's Statement

44. You must affirm the following statements to submit your application.
 - a. *[checkbox]* I affirm that throughout my high school career, I have never been placed on probation or subjected to any disciplinary action.
 - b. *[checkbox]* I affirm that the information furnished in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful. I am aware that the Cuero ISD Education Foundation reserves the right to verify this application at its discretion.