

Mathews Elementary School Fund for Excellence Scholarship 2011 Application

Deadline: March 31, 2011

The Mathews Elementary School Fund for Excellence Scholarship has been established to recognize former students who have excelled in their academic endeavors, supported their family and/or community through various service projects, and/or participated in extra-curricular activities, and proven that they possess the drive to further their education.

Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded.

The requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant attends and will graduate from an Austin ISD high school.
- Applicant attended Mathews Elementary for at least one year.
- Applicant has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better at time of application.
- Applicant has demonstrated involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community service based organizations, and/or church or family life service.
- Applicant intends to continue his/her studies beyond high school, including but not limited to university, community or junior college, vocational school.
- Applicant submits a completed application package by the scholarship deadline.
(Incomplete packages will not be considered.)

The scholarship shall be awarded based on a combination of academic performance, participation in extra-curricular and or/community service based organizations, completeness of essay, and letters of recommendation. A subcommittee of the Mathews Fund for Excellence will evaluate the applications and select a recipient.

In order to be considered as a candidate, please complete the application form and submit all required documents, postmarked no later than March 31, 2011 to:

**Mathews Elementary School
Attention: Scholarship
906 West Lynn, Austin
Texas 78703**

Scholarship recipient will be honored at a school-wide assembly in May. The recipient will be asked to say a few words to the students.

Mathews Elementary School Fund for Excellence Scholarship Applicant Checklist

Name: _____

The completed application packet must consist of the following documents:

****Please use this checklist to ensure that you are returning a complete application packet.****

This checklist must be used as the cover sheet for your completed application packet.

All pages must be attached in the order listed below:

- Completed Checklist
- Completed Applicant Form
- Official copy of student's High School transcript through Fall semester of senior year
- Essay: Must be typed (Time Roman or similar font, 12 pt.) The essay should be 250-500 words on **one** of the following topics. 1) Describe a favorite teacher or memory of Mathews; **or** 2) Describe how Mathews contributed to your educational experience. This essay will be kept in an archive in the Mathews Elementary School Library.
- Three recommendations from teachers, school administrators, or other school staff and/or extra-curricular activities/community service based organizations staff. At least one recommendation must be from a teacher. Each person should use a separate copy of the Recommendation Form provided with this application.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification of award status.

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Incomplete packages will be disqualified from consideration.

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Applicant Form

Section 1: Candidate Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home Telephone (if different): _____

Work/Cell Telephone: _____

Current School Name: _____

Current School Address & Telephone: _____

Section 2: Additional Candidate Questions (Candidate may attach additional pages)

1. What dates did you attend Mathews Elementary School? _____
2. What are you plans following graduation? _____
3. Please list and describe academic honors/awards received, involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community service.

Required Signatures:

Date: _____

Candidate Signature

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Mathews Elementary School Fund for Excellence Scholarship Recommendation Form

Student's Name: _____

I would compare this student with other students as follows,
on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest:

Contribution to the
learning environment: 1 2 3 4 5

Character/integrity/honesty/
resilience: 1 2 3 4 5

Diligence/perseverance/motivations: 1 2 3 4 5

I have worked with the applicant for _____ semesters.

In summary, I would give a

Very Strong _____ Strong _____ Average _____ Below Average _____

recommendation to this applicant.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Additional Comments: