

The Greater Texarkana Young Professionals Scholarship award is meant to recognize graduating seniors who will be selected from a pool of student applicants from Bowie, Miller, Little River County. Recipients of this scholarship will be chosen by the Greater Texarkana Young Professionals Board of Directors based on the following selection criteria;

- Academic Merit Student Applicants achieving a grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale, course selection, credit load, and active involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Leadership Students who demonstrate experience leading groups and providing direction to
 others including teaching, training, organizing, managing, and carrying extra responsibility on
 behalf of a group or organization. Being held in high regard by one's peers for being a role
 model to other students and making improvements and achieving success with or on the behalf
 of others.
- Community Service The committee considers not only involvement in community service, but more importantly, the type of service, and impact that your service has on a particular individual or group. The committee considers volunteerism, service learning, or internships that show civic responsibility and engagement.
- Unusual Force of Character Student Applicants who have overcome obstacles related to health, family, social, educational or economic disadvantages are encouraged to apply. Any circumstance that shows strength of character and potential for achievement should be stated in your application.
- Creative Accomplishment The committee recognizes originality and innovation in the arts and humanities, sciences, or social science, and considers the accomplishments of writers, artists, and musicians just as seriously as the accomplishments as scientists.
- Financial Need Student Applicants applying for the scholarship based on financial need should clearly state their situation regarding the economics of financing their college education in their application.

To apply, Student Applicants must submit:

- A 1-2-page essay that showcases how they best meet the selection criteria
- A copy of high school transcript
- A resume
- One-character reference letter

The GTYP Board will take all the above into consideration. Student Applicants are not required to meet every criteria in the selection criteria, but should clearly address those items that do apply in their application essay.

Deadline to apply is April 23, 2021. Submit application materials to <u>gtypchamber@gmail.com</u> with the subject "2021 Scholarship". Please include all application documents in one email in either word document or PDF format.