



# Burleson

## LIONS CLUB

### Annual Scholarship Application

Graduating senior,

As your final days of high school near, your thoughts are no doubt on the future. It is an exciting time in your life. You have a bright future that surely includes education beyond high school and career plans involving additional expenditures.

Members of the Burleson Lions Club, through our community partners who graciously donate to our charitable programs, would like to assist you in defraying those costs through our annual scholarship offering. We plan to award at least one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a deserving high school senior each at Burleson High School, Centennial High School, and Crossroads High School.

Perhaps your career goals are to earn a bachelor's or master's degree. Maybe, you would like to earn an associate's degree, attend trade school, a firefighting or police academy. We would like to help with any of those goals.

Any student residing in the Burleson ISD and graduating from a Burleson ISD high school is eligible to apply for the Burleson Lions Club's scholarships. Awards are based on a demonstration of the importance of community service, volunteer experiences, academic effort, and school and community involvement.

We wish each of you the best in all of your future endeavors. Thank you for taking the time to apply for the Burleson Lions Club scholarship.

Greg French  
President, 2017-2018  
Burleson Lions Club

#### Qualifications:

- Graduating senior from a Burleson ISD high school.
- Must be a Burleson ISD resident.

#### Application:

- Successful applicants must fully complete attached scholarship form and submit an essay. Responses must be legible.
- Deadline for application is **April 20, 2018**.
- Send completed application to: Burleson Lions Club, c/o Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 322, Burleson, Tx 76097

#### Selection:

- A selection committee comprised of Burleson Lions Club members will select scholarship recipients based on application.
- Notification will be provided during the week of May 7, 2018.

#### Award:

- Scholarship will be paid directly to admissions office at college or trade school of student's choice.
- Burleson Lions representative will attend your school's awards ceremony in May to honor recipients.



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Founded in 1945, the Burleson Lions Club is the oldest civic service club in Burleson. In 2014 and 2018 it was voted the Best Civic Club by Burleson Star readers. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired, with 1.5 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas.

The more than 60 adult members of the Burleson Lions Club are your elected officials, firefighters, police officers, educators, pastors, bankers, doctors, business owners and civic leaders. Each of them lives by the Lions motto, "We Serve!"

### ***Burleson Lions offer the following services:***

- ❖ Sight First Program: Dedicated to fighting the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness.
  - FREE eye exams and screenings for underserved children and adults, in partnership with the Burleson ISD and local eye doctors.
  - Free hearing and vision screenings in conjunction with the Burleson ISD
  - Provide Braille-writers, large-print text magnification tools, white canes and guide dogs.
  - Collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution to mission field and third-world areas.
  - White Cane Awareness Day and donation drive – observed twice annually in Burleson to educate the community and collect funds for sight preservation and assistance programs.
  - Support a majority of the world’s eye donation banks, clinics, and eye research centers worldwide.
- ❖ Diabetes education and support services.
- ❖ Youth outreach programs:
  - Texas Lions Camp – Send children with ANY disability or handicap to a special assisted camp for one week FREE of charge to the family. FREE transportation provided, as needed.
  - Tuition Assistance Scholarship Program – Provided annually to community graduating seniors that complete the application process and are selected by the Burleson Lions Club’s review committee.

### ***Burleson Lions serve throughout the year at the following community activities and events:***

Emergency/Disaster relief	Meals on Wheels delivery	Parade of Lights
Police Officer Appreciation Day	Relay for Life	Salvation Army bell ringing
Fall Meet for special needs children	Support of First Responders	Veterans Day Tribute
Burleson Founders Day	Cinco de Mayo	

The Burleson Lions Club proudly presents the *4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade* with the support of the City of Burleson and many community partners, It is one of Burleson’s largest annual public events. This year will mark the 15th annual parade.

The parade draws thousands of spectators and participants to come together to celebrate America’s independence, honor our military heroes and local emergency services personnel, who serve and protect this great community.





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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade-point average: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ College/School attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Burleson ISD resident: \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Relative in Lions Club:  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular activities:**

*List all school, community or church activities in which you participate, including volunteer experiences and paid positions. Include clubs and organizations in which you are a member. Include any officer positions in which you were elected or selected to serve. List awards you have received. List any other hobbies or activities you would like the committee to take into consideration.*

**If applicable, describe any obstacles you have overcome to achieve your graduation:**



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#### Short Essay

- An essay response is required to qualify for the Burleson Lions Club’s scholarship.
- Information pertaining to the Burleson Lions Club, its activities and service projects, and the club’s motto “We Serve” has been included in this packet. Please keep this priority of “service to others” in mind when writing your essay.
- The essay must be a minimum of one (1) page and no more than two (2) pages typed, double spaced in 12-point Arial font.
- Attach the essay to this scholarship application.

#### Essay Question

Lions Club members give of their selves, their abilities, financially and of their time to make a difference in Burleson and throughout the world. We believe in paying it forward. What difference can volunteer service make in a community? Upon graduation from an educational program beyond high school and entering the workforce, how would you make a difference and help others to make a difference, enhancing the quality of life of all people?

*(Note: You may reflect on your present activities that might demonstrate your future desire to be involved in community service activities.)*

#### References

( Please include one personal reference and one educational)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in order to be considered for the Burleson Lions Club scholarship, my status as a member of the June 2018 graduating class of a Burleson ISD high school will be confirmed, and I permit the scholarship committee to confirm this information.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_