

# DENNIS HENNEKE FOUNDATION

*Helping Just One More!*

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8, 2020	Release of Online Application
<b>March 15, 2021</b>	<b>All Required Forms &amp; Information Due</b>
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May 2021	Recipient Selection & Notification

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## INTRODUCTION

The Dennis Henneke Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to honor the memory and continue the generous spirit of Dennis Henneke. Dennis was especially passionate for mentoring and helping others. The Dennis Henneke Foundation is setup to help people pursue their passion and achieve their goals through education.

In 2021, the Dennis Henneke Foundation will award one or more scholarships to Texas High School students graduating in 2021 and/or others that may or may not already be enrolled College. **Each scholarship will be awarded for amounts up to \$15,000.**

A number of finalists will be selected from the applications received and will be invited in for a personal interview. If applicant is not invited in for a personal interview by May 1, 2021, they may assume that they are not a finalist and no correspondence will be forthcoming from the Dennis Henneke Foundation.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded based on the following:

- Challenging Family Circumstances or Unusual Hardship  
This includes someone who has a challenging family situation or unusual hardship. An example might be (but not limited to) someone who grew up with one parent or has had to care for a sick or disabled family member. **Not including Financial hardship.**
- Financial Need  
This includes someone that would not be able to seek a college degree or technical certification without financial help.
- Character  
Someone who sets high standards for himself/herself, encourages others, demonstrates an outstanding work ethic, shows respect and genuine concern for others, maintains a humble manner, is honest, and sets a positive example for their peers.
- Academic Success  
Academic Success does not mean that you necessarily make straight A's but that you always put forth a strong effort in spite of the circumstances in your life.
- Application Requirements Completed  
This includes providing all of the required information, documentation, and following the application instructions.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded the Dennis Henneke “Helping Just One More” Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States. If the applicant’s transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e. a copy of the photo page of a valid U.S. passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or a birth certificate for the U.S. Citizen Born Abroad). Applications submitted without proof of citizenship will not be considered. Students with permanent resident status are not eligible to apply.
2. Be a Texas resident.
3. Attended a high school or were home schooled in one of the following Texas counties: Aransas, Bee, Goliad, Karnes, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria and possible surrounding counties.
4. Be a graduating senior in the school year 2020-2021 or a student already enrolled in a College, University or Trade School or a returning student. (Possible exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors)
5. Provide official documentation showing your ACT/SAT and Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment test scores, not applicable if already attending a college or university. May also provide documentation of completion of College Prep Courses in lieu of TSI. (Special consideration for Technical Colleges and Certificate Programs)
6. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit college or university and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor’s degree or higher. Accredited Technical Schools and Certificate Programs will also be considered.
7. To maintain eligibility for scholarship benefits beyond the initial award, an overall GPA of 2.5, have a passing grade in all classes, and maintain full-time student status. (Possible exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.) We will post additional information online at [www.helpingjustonemore.org](http://www.helpingjustonemore.org) with deadlines and submission instructions for maintaining eligibility.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### Required Forms and Information **Due March 15, 2021:**

1. Application (Pages 7-9 in this packet)
2. Official High School Transcript (or College or University Transcript).
3. SAT/ACT and Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) Test Scores (not applicable if already attending a college or university)
4. FAFSA Student Aid Report
5. 3 Letters of Recommendation
6. Your Story in Your Words
7. Photography Consent & Release (Page 10)

*Note: Previous recipients shall complete full application with updated story.*

### Description of Required Forms and Information:

#### **1. Application**

Dennis Henneke Foundation application is on Page 7-9 and is also available online at <https://helpingjustonemore.org/> under the Scholarship tab. Applicant should fully complete this application.

#### **2. Transcript**

Please submit your Individual official transcript for entire High School Education to date (9th-12th grades). Or if currently attending a college, university or trade school, submit your current official transcript. The transcripts must be an original; no copies will be accepted. The transcript must verify that the student is at 12th grade status or higher.

#### **3. SAT/ACT and Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) Testing**

Official proof of SAT/ACT and Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) testing completed Proof can be included on the transcript-student can print from the College Board. Please make sure the report includes the applicant's name. Proof of College Prep Courses can be used in lieu of TSI. Exceptions can be made for Trade Schools. Students already attending a college or university need not submit SAT/ACT/TSI scores.

#### **4. FAFSA Student Aid Report**

Applicants are required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR), which is obtained once the FAFSA is accepted. Please note that it takes at least one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAFSA REPORTS THAT SAY "ESTIMATED EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION."

5. **3 Letters of Recommendation**

Submit a minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendations – choose any 3 of the 4 following categories (**only one letter per category**, for example don't send 3 teacher recommendations). It is helpful if your refernces talk about your hardship.

- Category 1: Teacher, Counselor or Principal
- Category 2: Coach, Extra-Curricular Activity Leader or Work Supervisor
- Category 3: Close family friend or mentor
- Category 4: Pastor, Bible Study Leader, or Young Life Leader

6. **Your Story in Your Words**

Your essay should clearly describe why you feel you should be selected for this scholarship. Your writing should consider the scholarship criteria listed on Page 2. Be sure to clearly state your challenging family circumstances or unusual hardship.

Make sure you spend time and thought on your essay because we look forward to reading about you and your situation in your own words. We recommend at least 500 words, but this is up to you. Use as many or few words as you'd like to give us insight into your life.

7. **Photography Consent & Release**

Please sign and submit the Photography Consent & Release on Page 10.

**IMPORTANT: All required information must be mailed, in one packet to:**

Dennis Henneke Foundation  
Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1205  
Gregory, TX 78359

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES**

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**The Dennis Henneke Foundation “Helping Just One More” Scholarship Committee will not accept or consider any incomplete or late applications. No exceptions will be made.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Evaluation Procedure**

All completed applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee and then brought before the Board of Directors of the Dennis Henneke Foundation for the personal interview, final review and approval. Additional information may be requested and required by the Committee and/or Board.

### **Notification of Recipients**

Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Dennis Henneke Foundation in May of 2021.

### **Additional Information**

Applications will not be returned.

The Dennis Henneke Foundation has the right to refuse and/or retract any scholarship application or award during the judging, awarding, or post awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based on, but not limited to, nonfactual information provided in the application process or failure to meet any of the requirements.

The dollar amount of the scholarships will be awarded based on the Dennis Henneke Foundation Board's discretion.

**2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**DENNIS HENNEKE FOUNDATION**

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Mailing Address	City, State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Date of Birth	Email Address	
Parent or Guardian Name(s)		
Parent or Guardian(s) Mailing Address	City, State	Zip
High School Attending or Graduated From	HS Graduation Date (mo/yr)	High School County
High School Address	City, State	Zip
High School GPA (4.0 scale)	College GPA (HS dual credit if applicable)	SAT or ACT score
College or University currently attending (if applicable)	Exp Grad Date	College GPA (if applicable)

List your honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

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List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, jobs worked, and school related volunteer activities:

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List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

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Briefly describe your challenging family circumstances or unusual hardship (**not including financial hardship**):

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Name of college you will attend, if decided: \_\_\_\_\_

If not decided, list your top 3 college choices:

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Anticipated field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to finance your education?

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Please list any other scholarships applied for and note if awarded:

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Family Gross Annual Income from 2019 Income Tax Return form 1040 Line #22:

(use 2018 Return if 2019 not completed yet)

<\$30,000    \$30,000-\$60,000    \$60,000-\$80,000    \$80,000-\$100,000    \$100,000-\$140,000    >\$140,000

Legal Residence of the State of Texas:  Yes    No

<b>IMPORTANT CHECKLIST</b>
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**The following items must be submitted:**

- Application (including Statement of Accuracy)
- Official High School Transcript (or college or university if applicable)
- SAT/ACT and Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) Testing (if applicable)
- FAFSA Student Aid Report
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Your Story in Your Words
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**All Required Information shall be received no later than March 15, 2021, mail to:**

Dennis Henneke Foundation - Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1205  
Gregory, TX 78359

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the Dennis Henneke Foundation, I will be present at the awards ceremony and/or reception to receive my scholarship award and I will attend and help at the Annual Dennis Henneke Just One More Celebration & Fundraiser.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign one of the applicable Photography Releases below:

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**PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT & RELEASE  
Adult Applicant (18 or Older)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to the Dennis Henneke Foundation to take and use photographs and/or digital images of me for use in news releases and/or educational materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, websites or other electronic communications. I further agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints and digital reproductions shall be the property of the Dennis Henneke Foundation.

**Signature of Scholarship Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT & RELEASE  
For Minor Children (Under 18)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent or official guardian of (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby grant permission to the Dennis Henneke Foundation to take and use photographs and/or digital images of my child for use in news releases and/or educational materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, websites or other electronic communications. I further agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints and digital reproductions shall be the property of the Dennis Henneke Foundation.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_