

# **DENNIS HENNEKE FOUNDATION**

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## **DENNIS HENNEKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP for COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY 2025 GUIDELINES**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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<b>March 15, 2025</b>	<b>All Required Forms &amp; Information Due</b>
April 26, 2025	Interview Finalists
May 2025	Recipient Selection & Notification

**2025 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**DENNIS HENNEKE FOUNDATION**

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Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
Mailing Address		City, State, Zip	County
Physical Address		City, State, Zip	County
Cell Phone		Email Address	Date of Birth
Parent or Guardian Name(s)		Parent/Guardian 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	Class Rank / Class Size
High School GPA (4.0 scale)	HS Dual Credit GPA (if applicable)	# Dual Credit Hrs	SAT or ACT score
College or Univ. currently attending (if applicable)	College GPA	Hrs Completed	Exp Grad Date

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

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List extracurricular activities, school related volunteer activities & jobs worked:

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List your volunteer activities in the community:

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List your hobbies and outside interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your challenging family circumstances or unusual hardship that your will discuss in your essay (**not including financial hardship**):

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

Name of college you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

If not decided, list your top 3 college choices:

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How do you plan to finance your education?

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

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If selected as a Finalist, I am able to attend in-person interview on Sat, 4-26-2025:  Yes  No

Family Gross Annual Income from 2024 Income Tax Return form 1040:

(use 2023 Return if 2024 not completed yet)

<\$50,000  \$50,000-\$80,000  \$80,000-\$110,000  \$110,000-\$140,000  \$140,000-\$170,000  >\$170,000

Legal Residence of the State of Texas:  Yes  No

### 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.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

# DENNIS HENNEKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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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 2025, the Dennis Henneke Foundation will award Dennis Henneke Memorial Scholarships to Texas High School students graduating in 2025 and/or others that may or may not already be enrolled College. **Each scholarship will be awarded for amounts up to \$16,000.**

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, 2025, they may assume that they are not a finalist and no correspondence will be forthcoming from the Dennis Henneke Foundation.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Dennis Henneke Memorial 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 a 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 the required information, documentation, and following the application instructions.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded the Dennis Henneke Memorial 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 2024-2025 or a student already enrolled in an accredited Texas College or University. (Possible exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors)
5. Provide official documentation showing your ACT/SAT or Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment test scores, not applicable if already attending a college or university.
6. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university and participate in a curriculum leading to an associate's or bachelor's degree.
7. Attend a college or university in the state of Texas.
8. To maintain eligibility for scholarship benefits beyond the initial award, an overall GPA of 2.5 each semester, 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, 2025:***

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

*Note: For Trade/Technical Colleges and Certificate Programs, use shortened application found on our website at [helpingjustonemore.org/scholarship-info](http://helpingjustonemore.org/scholarship-info)*

### Description of Required Forms and Information:

#### **1. Application**

Dennis Henneke Memorial Scholarship application is on Page 2-3 and is also available online at [helpingjustonemore.org](http://helpingjustonemore.org) under the Scholarship tab. Applicant should fully complete this application.

#### **2. Transcript**

Please submit your official high school transcript. Or if currently attending a college or university in Texas, 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 or TSI Testing**

Official scores of SAT/ACT or Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) testing. Completed proof can be printed from the College Board. Please make sure the report includes the applicant's name. 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 3 Letters of Recommendation – 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 references 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 Hardship 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 and discuss your challenging family circumstances or unusual hardship as this is our heaviest weighted criteria.

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 4.

**SUBMISSION:**

Submit your application on our website at [helpingjustonemore.org/submit-application](https://helpingjustonemore.org/submit-application). Submit one PDF file with all the required information.

Name your PDF file using your last and first name (ex: Smith.Chris.pdf).

Alternatively, you can email your ONE file to [apply@HelpingJustOneMore.org](mailto:apply@HelpingJustOneMore.org).

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES**

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**The Dennis Henneke Foundation Scholarship Committee will not accept or consider any incomplete or late applications. No exceptions will be made.**



## IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

**The following items must be submitted:**

- Application (2 pages)
- Official High School Transcript (or college or university if applicable)
- SAT/ACT or TSI Test Scores (if applicable)
- FAFSA Student Aid Report
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Your Story in Your Words
- Photography Consent & Release

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

**How to Submit:** 1 - Scan all required information into ONE pdf file.

2 - Name your PDF file using your last and first name  
(example: Smith.Chris.pdf).

3- Upload or Email:

Upload your application file on our website at:  
[helpingjustonemore.org/submit-application](http://helpingjustonemore.org/submit-application)

**OR**

Email to us at [apply@HelpingJustOneMore.org](mailto:apply@HelpingJustOneMore.org)

## **Letter of Recommendation Guidelines**

*(Please give this information to your references.)*

### ***Dennis Henneke Memorial Scholarship***

*awarded by the Dennis Henneke Foundation*

Thank you for providing a letter of reference to the Dennis Henneke Foundation. Our goal is to honor the memory and legacy of Dennis Henneke, helping those with challenging hardships the way Dennis did. The Dennis Henneke Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on the four criteria listed below, the heaviest weight given to the Challenging Family Circumstance or Unusual Hardship.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

The Scholarship will be awarded based on each of the following:

1. Challenging Family Circumstances or Unusual Hardship
2. Financial Need
3. Character
4. Academic Success

It would be helpful to us if you could elaborate as best you can on the unique qualities of the individual and the challenging family circumstances and/or unique hardship rather than just relisting their resume.

Please address your letter of reference to DHF Scholarship Committee.

Thank you again for helping us find the candidate(s) deserving of this scholarship.

More information can be found on our website at [www.HelpingJustOneMore.org](http://www.HelpingJustOneMore.org).

Thanks,

Dennis Henneke Foundation Scholarship Committee

## **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 2024.

### **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. The dollar amount could change without notice.