**Scholarship Program**

**2025**

**Deadline is May 4th**

* **Purpose:** To support the higher education academic endeavors of students whose parent(s) work in school district maintenance and custodial operations and or employees enrolled in or attending an accredited institution of higher education.
* **Scholarship Amount:** $1,000 per academic year *(subject to availability of funds).* Funds must be used for related academic costs. Each year a minimum of 7 recipients are awarded.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Be an employee **or** an immediate family member (son, daughter) of a school district employee working in the **Maintenance or Custodial** department (AC tech, carpenter, electrician, custodial, etc in the **Region One** **ESC** area.
2. Have completed an application for financial aid.
3. Be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher education at least ¾ time **or** a Trade certification program.
4. If you are already enrolled in a program referred to in #3 above, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and demonstrate satisfactory progress.

**Required Documents:** Students are required to submit the following documents using the Google Form link- if you have trouble with the Google Form you can email the documents to dcantu79@outlook.com. Please submit the following items:

1. **Brief Essay**, 300-400 words, use **Calibri** or **Times Roman**, **size 12** font - include the following information:
   * 1. 1st paragraph: Brief description of who you are and who your parent is that makes you eligible for the scholarship, (see criteria in number 1 of “Eligibility Criteria” above). Be specific about where your parent works and include their name.

* + 1. 2nd paragraph: Where you plan to attend school and the major or Trade Program you plan to follow ***and*** why you chose that program and the school.
    2. 3rd paragraph: Describe any extracurricular activities you are involved with; campus, community service and any work history.
    3. 4th paragraph: Describe if there any special circumstances, including family commitments.

1. **Two letters** of recommendation, (signed) from significant adults in your life.
2. Copy of your **Letter of acceptance** to the program or the institution of higher education.
3. Copy of **latest transcript** (high school transcript for entering freshmen). It does **not** have to be a certified transcript.
4. **Proof** that you have completed the **FAFSA** Financial Aid form.

\*It will expedite processing if you **scan** these documents as **one** file (in order) instead of separate documents.

**\*Remember to include your contact information -** full name, mailing address, email and phone number in your essay letter.

**Awards.** Selected recipients will be **notified** via email by May 19th and awarded a check for $ $1,000 for the academic year. You and your parent(s) will also be invited to join us for lunch at our **Summer Conference** at South Padre Island Convention Center on **July 17, 2025,** to recognize you in front of our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Cantu, STASMO Founder at (956) 620.4643 or email, dcantu79@outlook.com



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