



# PAN AMERICAN LEAGUE AND GAMEZ LAW FIRM 2026 ACADEMIC AWARD APPLICATION & GUIDELINES

## HISTORY:

The Pan American League is a women's organization established in 1947 to help deserving individuals with education, health and welfare endeavors. In keeping with the objectives of the Pan American League (PAL) to promote the general welfare of deserving citizens of San Antonio, the organization established the PAL Award Fund in 2009. For 2026, Gamez Law Firm has joined PAL and has committed resources to fund up to 15- \$2,500 awards to female graduating seniors in 2026 from Edgewood ISD high schools.

## PURPOSE:

The PAL Academic Award is intended to assist female students with any college-related expenses as they transition to their fall semester in college immediately after graduating from high school.

## CRITERIA:

- Student must be a Class of 2026 graduate from an Edgewood ISD High School.
- Student must have a minimum 3.0 or B grade point average.
- Student must have been in attendance at least 90%.
- Student must plan to attend college in Fall 2026 and work towards earning a bachelor's degree, associates degree or accredited certification at a not-for-profit 2- or 4-year institution of higher education.
- Student must have completed and submitted a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid).
- Student must submit a complete application on or before the deadline that consists of:
  1. Academic Award application form
  2. Transcript submitted by the high school counselor or college advisor
  3. A letter of recommendation submitted by a teacher or academic counselor (to be submitted directly to the counselor)
  4. A résumé
  5. A 500-word essay in which the student discusses the following:
    - Why the student is applying for this award.
    - How the student anticipates she will give back to her community through her future educational and professional goals.
    - The financial hardships the student and her family are facing as she prepares to enroll in college and how this award will be used.
  6. **NOTE:** Any resume and/or essay completed through the use of AI, such as ChatGPT, etc. will not be considered.
- If awarded, the student and their family will be asked to participate in a luncheon during the summer to be presented their award. Additional information will be provided in the award letter.

**DEADLINE:** Turn in completed scholarship application to your home campus counseling department  
by **3:00 p.m. on April 1, 2026**



**Pan American League  
2026 Academic Award  
Application Form**

Full Name:	Last	First	M.I.
Home Address:			Zip Code: <input type="text"/>
Home Phone #:	( <input type="text"/> )	Cell Phone #:	( <input type="text"/> )
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	High School Name:	<input type="text"/>

<b>Academic Awards/Honors Received</b> (If more space is needed, please attach a separate page or submit a résumé.)	

<b>Extra-Curricular Activities, Clubs, Organizations</b> (If more space is needed, please attach a separate page or submit a résumé.)	

<b>Leadership Positions/ Offices Held and Year</b> (If more space is needed, please attach a separate page or submit a résumé.)	
Position/Office Held	Year

<b>Community/Volunteer Work with Dates</b> (If more space is needed, please attach a separate page or submit a résumé.)	
Activity/Location	Date(s)

<b>Employment (full-time or part-time) with Dates</b> (If more space is needed, please attach a separate page or submit a résumé.)	
Employer	Date(s)

FAFSA/TASFA Submission Date:	/ /	Are you eligible for federal/state financial aid?	Yes	No
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First generation college student?	Yes	No
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What scholarship(s) have you been awarded? <small>(List names &amp; amounts for top 3)</small>	
Scholarship Name	Amount of Scholarship (\$)

College/university attending in Fall 2026:	
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Intended Major/Area of Study:	
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Intended Degree (circle):	Certificate	Bachelor's	Associates
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Parent's Name:			
Parent's Phone # :		Parent's Email:	
Total # in Family:		Total # of Dependent Children:	
Total Family Annual Income:	\$		

A 500-word essay is required with your application form.

Please answer the following questions in your essay:

- Why are you applying for this academic award?
- How will you give back to your community through your future educational and professional goals?
- What financial hardships are/will you and your family facing as you prepare to enroll in college and how will you use this academic award?

A complete submitted application packet by the student includes:

- Academic Award application form
- 500-word essay
- Résumé

To be submitted by the counselor or college advisor includes:

- Student Transcripts
- Submitted Recommendation from teacher or counselor
- FAFSA

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