

2013-14 Barbara Jordan Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship details

The Barbara Jordan Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the late Barbara Jordan, a Texas congresswoman and distinguished educator. Up to six \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded each year to outstanding junior, senior and graduate students enrolled in educator preparation programs at predominantly ethnic-minority institutions.*

Criteria and guidelines

1. Each applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university educator preparation program. Proof of enrollment must be included with this application.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Provide college transcripts with official university imprint. (DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL.)
4. Provide a detailed description of participation in any academic, honorary, civic or extracurricular activities in college.
5. Compose an essay of no more than two typed, double-spaced 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The essay must include the following:
 - o Applicant's personal educational philosophy.
 - o Why the applicant wants to become an educator.
 - o Person/people or event that influenced the applicant the most in making his or her career decision.
 - o Why the applicant is applying for the award.
6. Provide at least two (but no more than three) letters of recommendation, no older than one year, from college/high school faculty or other appropriate sources. Limit each letter to one official letterhead page. Letters should include the author's address and Saturday phone number. Authors must mail letters of recommendation directly to the ATPE Foundation state office.
7. Scholarship recipients shall be provided with \$1,500 in reimbursement based on receipts for any legitimate expense involving college tuition and education materials. A cash award may be granted if the recipient is a student teacher and has otherwise completed certification requirements.
8. Scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply for the scholarship the following year.

Judging process

A committee is selected each year by the ATPE Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship committee will select the recipients, who will be notified in July 2014.

Timeline

1. Program applications are mailed to eligible Texas colleges and universities in the fall semester.
2. All entries must be postmarked no later than **June 2, 2014**, if mailed, or by midnight on the same date if faxed or emailed. The committee will not consider late or incomplete submissions. The final judging process will occur in July 2014.
3. Recipients are required to use all funds awarded within a calendar year of the date of presentation.

*Predominantly ethnic-minority Texas institutions: Huston-Tillotson College, Jarvis Christian College, Our Lady of the Lake University, Paul Quinn College, Prairie View A&M University, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Sul Ross State University, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, Texas A&M International University, Texas A&M—Kingsville, Texas Southern University, University of Houston, University of Houston—Downtown, University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas South most College, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas—Pan American, University of the Incarnate Word and Wiley College. If you have any questions concerning this list, call (800) 777-ATPE.

