

Oscar Ward Scholarship

Dear prospective applicant,

The Greater Irving Republican Club is pleased to offer the Oscar Ward Scholarship of \$2000 to a high school senior who will be graduating from one of the Irving public, private, or home schools. This scholarship has been awarded to high school seniors in Irving since 2010.

This is an effort by our Club to provide encouragement and financial assistance to a young Irving student who seeks a higher education. It is also meant to encourage leadership in our youth, as well as civic and political involvement, with a goal toward strengthening their love of country. We feel that this can only lead to a stronger America.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this application and essay process. The scholarship requirements are outlined below. Please complete and sign the enclosed application, and submit an essay on the following topic:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE; why do we have it?

The deadline for submission is May 1, 2017. All entries must be postmarked and *received* on or before that date. Entries which are received afterward will be discarded and not considered. Please contact us at the phone numbers below if you have any questions.

An online version of the Oscar Scholarship may also be found online at <http://bit.ly/WardScholar>

Thank you for your assistance in disseminating this information to your students.

Sincerely,

Bruce Burns
President

Greater Irving Republican Club
P.O. Box 170923
Irving, Texas 75017

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\$2000 Oscar Ward Scholarship Information

One (1) scholarship winner will be selected annually by evaluating the prescribed application, community activities, school involvement, political activities, and the applicant's original essay.

Applicant must:

- Be a senior in an Irving public, private, or home school;
- Graduate prior to August 2017
- Be a resident of Irving;
- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater; and
- Be attending a college, university, or technical school in the 2017-2018 school year.

Additional Requirements:

- The applicant's completed application, essay, letter of recommendation, and supporting documents must be *received* at the Greater Irving Republican Club post office box *no later than midnight, May 1, 2017*. A student may submit only one application. Late entries will be discarded.
- The applicant's GPA must be verified by a counselor or school official at the applicant's high school.
- A letter of recommendation from one of the applicant's teachers must accompany the application.
- The application **MUST** be signed.
- A face-to-face meeting with judges may be required for finalists.
- The application must be complete. Any incomplete packages will be discarded.
- All applications will be judged by the GIRC scholarship committee. The decision of the judges is final.
- The winning essay must be submitted in electronic format.
- The Greater Irving Republican Club reserves the right to republish the winning essay.

Essay Requirements:

- The essay must be an original work of the applicant on the topic of the Essay Title below.
- The essay must consist of a Minimum of 500 words.
- The essay must be typed, and all references footnoted.
- APA format is preferred.
- To ensure anonymity in judging, the essay must *not* contain the applicant's name.

Essay title:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION A – APPLICANT’S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No (Circle one)

SECTION B – APPLICANT’S HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Attending: _____

Expected Graduation Date: ____/____/____ Cumulative GPA:

High School and extracurricular activities and achievements: _____

**The student information above is hereby verified by the following school counselor
or official:**

Name Title

Date

SECTION C – COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Do you plan to attend a college/university/technical school in the fall of 2017? Yes No

To which colleges, universities, or technical schools have you applied?

To which colleges, universities, or technical schools have you been accepted?*

*Note: This information can be provided at a later date, if acceptance letter is still pending.

What college, university, or technical school do you plan to attend?

SECTION D – APPLICANT’S COMMUNITY SERVICE:

What community service activities have you participated in and how were *you* involved?

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SECTION E – APPLICANT’S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

Are you a registered voter? Yes No I am not yet 18 years of age

What political activities or campaigns have you participated in and how were *you* involved?

SECTION F – APPLICANT’S AFFIRMATION OF INFORMATION:

“By my signature below, I swear or affirm that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and accurate. I further swear or affirm that the essay attached to this application is my own original work, and all references that I used are footnoted as required.”

Applicant’s Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Submission Checklist

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Verification of GPA by counselor or school official (page 3)
- _____ Reference letter from one of the student’s teachers
- _____ Essay

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS BY MAIL TO:

**Greater Irving Republican Club
Oscar Ward Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 170923
Irving, Texas 75017**

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