



**HARRISON & EMILY KIRK FOUNDATION - "YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION"
*High School Graduate Scholarship***



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

1. This application is for graduating Seniors or Early Graduate high school students that plan to attend a college, university, vocational, or trade school to further their educational and career goals for the **Fall 2025-Spring 2026 Academic Year.**
2. This is a Texas based organization and all applications will be reviewed, however priority will be given to Texas Residents living in the DFW area and connecting counties.
 - a. Relatives of the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation will also be considered for scholarships and are exempt from the Texas Residency restriction.
 - b. To be considered, relatives must have at least two (2) hours of educational volunteering plus the requirements of the application.
3. All areas on the application must be completed. **If the section does not apply to you, write in N/A or Not Applicable.**
4. All forms must be completed and included with your application. **All incomplete applications will be rejected.**
5. **If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified in writing.**
6. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the learning institution by the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation.

The following items (numbers 7-12) are mandatory. Any application that is received not including these requirements as described will be rejected.

7. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
8. Submit a 500 to 1000 maximum word typed or neatly written, **double spaced**, essay on **one** of the three topics below.
 - a. **Many students carry responsibilities outside of school. Describe one responsibility you manage and how it has shaped your work ethic, priorities or goals.**
 - b. **Pick a *real-world* issue you want to help solve someday. Why do you care about, and what is one concrete step you can take in the next year toward that goal?**
 - c. **Write about a personal accomplishment you're proud of that wouldn't show upon a transcript or resume. Why does it matter to you?**
9. Official sealed transcript.
 - a. Private school applicants must have a school official provide an explanation of the grading system on the school's letterhead.
 - b. Transcripts need to be from an accredited school.
 - c. If you are a homeschool student additional information may be needed upon review.
10. Submit a photo **no bigger** than a 4x6 and **no smaller** than a 2 x 3 if sent by mail. Digital applications will need to attach jpeg file of photo no larger than Horizontal – max width 1500px, jpeg, saved for web, and optimize Vertical – max width 1000px, jpeg, saved for web, and optimized. Please write your first & last name and year of graduation on the back of the photo. **(Photos will not be returned)**
 - a. **Photos need to be on photo paper**
 - b. **NO group Photos**
11. Two letters of recommendation. **Letters must be from a non-relative and include the author's contact information.**



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- 12. Ten hours of community service (Community service must have been completed between August 2023 through Mar 27, 2026.**
- a. Each organization served needs to have its own verification form completed.
 - b. If applying for the scholarship as a relative of the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation at least two (2) hours of your community service needs to be related to education.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Full Name :		Email Address:	
Date of birth: / /	Parents Phone: () -	Phone: () -	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
How did you hear about this scholarship:			
Please provide name of person if referred by someone. If you are a HEK relative indicate how you are related:			
UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE/ TRADE / VOCATIONAL INFORMATION			
Name of School Planning to Attend:			
School Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Major Course of Study:	Example: undecided, nursing, engineering, business administration		
Are you the first to attend college in your family?			
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION			
Name of High School:			
Address:		Phone: () -	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	GPA:		
FAMILY INFORMATION			
Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	
Sibling Name and age:			
Sibling Name and age:			
Sibling Name and age:			
Sibling Name and age:			
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION			
Church Name:			
Church Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone: () -	Pastor's Name:		
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES			



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COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Students Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Community Service Project or Organization served:

Location and/or Address:

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DID AND HOW MANY HOURS OR HOW MUCH TIME YOU GAVE TO THE PROJECT. (Frequency and Total time spent with organization or a project)

Date	Time	Description
<i>Dec/2019</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>	<i>Read books to kindergarten class **Example Line**</i>
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Name of Volunteer coordinator who can confirm your service:

Phone Number of Contact

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Signature of Volunteer Coordinator

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

***Each organization served needs to have its own verification form completed.
Print as many as you need.***



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PHOTO RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FORM

HARRISON AND EMILY KIRK FOUNDATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Without further consideration or compensation for me or any family member,

I, _____,
(Please Print Full Name)

do hereby authorize the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation, Inc. and those acting pursuant to its authority the right to use my name picture, portrait, or photograph in all forms of and media and in all manners, including composite or other representations, for use in the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation's publications.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date: _____

(please initial) Additionally, I authorize the right to use my name, picture, portrait or photograph on any or all Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation websites, social media, radio, or television media publications

Minor Consent

I am the parent and guardian of the minor named above, and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises

Full Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ *Date:* _____



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- [] 1. Application with all fields and areas completed.
- [] 2. Completed Community Service Verification form(s).
- [] 3. A 500 to 1000 maximum word typed or neatly written, **double spaced**, essay on **one** of the two topics below.
 - a. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Department of Education in addressing educational disparities across different demographics.
 - b. What should be done to make higher education more affordable?
 - c. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you?
- [] 4. Official sealed transcript. **(Private school applicants must submit information on grading scale on school letterhead)**
- [] 5. Photograph with name written on the back.
- [] 6. Completed Photo Release Authorization form.
- [] 7. Two letters of recommendation.
- [] 8. Mail all paperwork by the application deadline of **March 27, 2026** and must be postmarked by **March 27, 2026**.

If an application is not postmarked by March 27 the application will not be reviewed.

Completed applications, forms, official sealed transcripts, photograph and recommendation letters should be mailed in one packet/envelope to:

**Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation
c/o Scholarship Committee
4600 Mark IV Parkway
PO Box 164523
Fort Worth, TX 76161**

**If you have any questions please contact the Scholarship Committee at
hek.scholarship@gmail.com**

**** NO PERSONAL HAND DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ****

**** YOU MUST SEND THROUGH US MAIL, UPS OR FEDEX. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
YOU SEND BY CERTIFIED MAIL BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED. ****

***All applications and attachments become the property of the Harrison and Emily Kirk Foundation.**