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The Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization that helps place young Texans on the road to success by providing grants and awards to benefit Texas Thoroughbred Association members and their children and further their educational opportunities.

These promising newcomers to the Thoroughbred industry are a product of our proud Texas heritage and deserving of our commitment.

To date, TTEF has awarded over \$113,000 in scholarships.

Eligibility

- Current personal or parental membership in the Texas Thoroughbred Association, with beginning membership date at least one year prior to application deadline for educational grant.
- Applicant must have been a full-time Texas resident for at least one year prior to application deadline for educational grant.
- (1) All current high school seniors or GED graduate equivalent, (2) high school graduate or GED graduate equivalent currently enrolled (or planning to enroll) in a post-high school collegiate or other training program.
- There is no age limit for applicants.
- To be used for education at any accredited junior college, 4-year university, post-graduate degree program, or other accredited or state-recognized industry/training program.

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Current Scholarship Recipients:

- **Lydia Boyce**, Flower Mound, daughter of TTA member Tim Boyce
University of Oklahoma, Marketing and Advertising
First Year Recipient
- **Justin Brown**, Round Rock, son of TTA member Cheri Grant
Oklahoma City University, Vocal Performance – Opera
Second year recipient
- **Amanda Buchanan**, Peaster, daughter of TTA member John Buchanan
University of North Texas, Radio/TV/Film
Third year recipient
- **Allison Goodwin**, Mesquite, daughter of TTA member Steve Bragg
University of Texas, Elementary Education
First Year Recipient
- **Natalie Hillery**, Red Oak, daughter of TTA member Michelle Hillery
Texas State University, Interior Design
Third year recipient
- **Holly Hunnicutt**, Aubrey, daughter of TTA member Deborah Goin and John Hunnicutt
Texas Tech University, Agricultural Communications
Second year recipient
- **Kenzie McPherson**, Canadian, daughter of TTA member Kenneth McPherson
Texas A&M University, Business Administration/Management
Third year recipient
- **Megan Tracy**, Bandera, daughter of TTA members Bill & Joan Tracy
Texas A&M University, Biomedical Science
Fourth year recipient
- **Keri Zimlich**, Royse City, daughter of TTA members Taffy and Jane Jones
Baylor University, Chemistry
First Year Recipient



Boyce

My name is Lydia Boyce, and I am a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma and I love it!

I am a Marketing/Advertising major, having been accepted into the Price College. I am not completely sure what I am going to do when I graduate, but my LOVE of music has led me into volunteering with the Concert Series club on campus. I am keeping my fingers crossed that I am accepted for an internship this summer in the recording industry that I have applied for – It would be great to find something that will still get me excited to wake up in the morning for work!

This semester has been a challenge with basic business classes, and I'm looking forward to next semester when I get to really delve into my major. The TTEF scholarship has done wonders for me in the pursuit of the internship and just generally helping with making ends meet.

I am very grateful to the scholarship fund and its ability to further mine and other students' educations and brighten our future. Thank you again.



Brown

2008 has been a great year for me at Oklahoma City University. I have been blessed with performance opportunities each semester in addition to receiving a great education. In the spring semester of 2008 I was cast and performed in a character role for the opera "Ballad of Baby Doe." It was exciting to have a strong supporting role that allowed me to grow in both acting, singing and dancing. During the summer I was invited back to the Young Performers Opera Workshop in Key West, Florida. During that time I continued to get priceless training in all aspects of opera performance. My junior year at Oklahoma City University started quickly when I was cast in a lead role in the spotlight opera "Too Many Sopranos." This was an amazing adventure and learning experience that I will never forget. The school semester ended strong and with great news of being cast as the leading role in a new contemporary opera called "Quantum Mechanic."

None of this would be possible if it were not for people like you who find education in all fields of study valuable. Your continued support of the Texas Thoroughbred Education Fund helps me to be able to study and perform without the stress of finances. I wish that I could be at the conference to thank each of you in person. May you be blessed with a successful year and again thank you!



Buchanan

This last year has been a crazy one. I am still at the University of North Texas in Denton and have managed to make it to the Dean's List. Not only have I been in school full time, but also I worked for my father as his Assistant Trainer. I took my trainers test in February and worked with the horses full time over the summer. The barn at Houston was mine to run and with that my dad and I won the TQHA Sire's Cup Futurity with my pet of the barn, Lightning Round.

I finished my last Final Exam on Wednesday, December 10th, and will finish out the year at Lone Star Park, which is now a training center during the off-season.

With regret, I will not be able to attend the Banquet this year. I will actually be in Louisiana at Louisiana Downs to run a few in the Harrah's Derby Trials. I was so looking forward to thanking everyone in person again this year. The banquet last year was so much fun, and I am very disappointed I cannot be there. Even worse, I had the opportunity to see the TTA and TQHA members all in one building celebrating the one thing that we all love as horseman, the HORSES.

Thank you so much for all of the support the TTA gives us as students. I know personally, without the TTA, I would not be able excel at the University the way I do without your generous contributions. Once again, Thank you and God Bless!



Goodwin

My first semester at The University of Texas in Austin has allowed me to begin studying the field of teaching. My classes this semester have consisted of three core classes (Science for the 21st Century, Foundations of Arithmetic, and Introduction to Psychology), one freshman seminar class (Our Global Backyard), and one education class (Children with Individual Differences) along with band practice for the Showband of the Southwest. By far, my favorite class has been my education class where I volunteered at an inner city middle school and learned just how individualized teaching methods need to be.

I absolutely love attending UT and learning at higher college levels. I've been able to maintain all A's and I hope to continue this effort and one day have my own 2nd grade classroom. The Texas Thoroughbred Association scholarship has been beneficial to me by easing the economic burdens of college and decreasing my tuition bills each semester. Thank you TTA for allowing me this opportunity.



Hillery

I am very blessed and thankful for the scholarship that I was awarded through this organization. It has been of the utmost help throughout my college education thus far and I am very grateful for y'all's support in my endeavors. I am currently attending Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and am studying Interior Design. I absolutely love this major. The classes have become quite tedious and time consuming, but at the end of the day I get to enjoy something that is a personal creation of my very own. Also, I am doing well in school. I made our Dean's List the first two semesters of my college education. I am currently a part of the honor fraternities Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta. In addition to these, I am also a part of the American Society of Interior Design. Some of my goals for my educational career are to continue to be successful in my field of study and to master the skills of Interior Design so I can be at the top of my game when I graduate. This TTEF scholarship has helped me in so many ways. It has helped me to pay for the many expenses that come with being a college student, such as books and classes. Also, with my major I have many projects that can become quite costly, and I must say this scholarship has definitely helped me to be able to support the needs of my Interior Design classes. I want to thank you all again for your support thus far, and I hope I can continue to be a recipient of your most helpful scholarship.



Hunnicutt

Thank you so much for your support with my education. With your gracious scholarship money I have been able to begin the path to follow my goal. I am currently finishing up my second semester at Texas Tech University with a major in Agriculture Communications while also getting my Agricultural Teaching Certificate.

I have had great opportunities to become involved in extracurricular activities at Tech. This is my second year to be a member of the Ambassadors for Agriculture which is an organization of select Agriculture students who represent the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at various school and community functions. Along with being an Ambassador for Agriculture, I am also a member of the Agri-Techsans, which is the student recruitment for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. We travel around the state and bordering states promoting Texas Tech, and trying to recruit new students.

I have also joined and am involved in Block and Bridle, Collegiate FFA, Collegiate 4H, and Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT), Collegiate Horseman's Association, and the Ag. Council Representative for Collegiate Horseman's Association. Each of these organizations has allowed me to gain additional agriculture experience and provided a means for getting to know everyone in the Agriculture College.

The scholarship money that I received from you has helped me pursue my goal as an Agriculture Communications student at Texas Tech. The Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund takes away much of the worry and stress most college students face regarding paying for college. It

has helped me keep my focus on my academic education, and let me become more involved with my extracurricular activities. I am going to continue to work as hard as I can to make you all proud scholarship donors. Thanks for everything you have done for me.



McPherson

Foremost I would like to express my gratitude to the Texas Thoroughbred Education Fund and the Board of Directors for my scholarship. It has allowed me to pursue my education at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. As of the spring semester, I will be a senior and I am majoring in Business Management at Mays Business School. This semester I gained great knowledge in various subjects including marketing, human resource management and international business management. This knowledge will be very beneficial in my future career as a manager. With the increasing rate of tuition it becomes harder and harder to finance my education, and without this scholarship it would be even more difficult. Again, I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the TTEF Board of Directors for their generosity. Of course I wouldn't be a true Texas Aggie if I didn't say, "Thanks and giv 'em!!"



Tracy

Howdy! My name is Megan Tracy and I am a Senior Biomedical Sciences major from Bandera, Texas. But more importantly, I am the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2009! It has been my lifelong dream to attend Texas A&M University and then go on to Vet School (also at A&M) to become an Equine Veterinarian. I am well on my way to reaching all of these goals. I applied to Vet school this fall and will be graduating with my undergraduate degree in May 2009. I cannot believe these are my last 2 semesters as an undergraduate. My college career has truly flown by. Since the last conference I have celebrated one of the greatest Aggie milestones, I received my Aggie Ring! This fall I completed one of the toughest classes at Texas A&M, Biomedical Anatomy; and I will be taking Physiology in the spring. This spring I will also be directing a recruiting conference for 275 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund eliminates much of the worry and stress most college students face regarding paying for college. It has afforded me the opportunity to remain focused on my academic education and also allowed me to get quite involved with my "other education" as well.

It is because of the support of the members of the Texas Thoroughbred Association that this educational fund is possible. Without your generosity the other recipients and I would not be able to chase our dreams. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued encouragement and support.



Zimlich

I just wanted to thank you once again for all of your academic support. As a chemistry major at Baylor university, school can be pretty challenging at times. Although, I am loving every part of it. The scholarship has helped me to reach my goals not only as a student in an outstanding university but also as a teenager. I would not have been allowed this amazing opportunity if it was not for your generosity.



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