



THE EAST KNOXVILLE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AUSTIN-EAST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The East Knoxville Business and Professional Association (EKBPA) Austin-East Scholarship Program has been developed to aid eligible applicants who desire to continue their academic education beyond high school.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The EKBPA Scholarship Program

- Will award scholarship(s) to a graduating Austin-East High School senior(s) to attend an accredited two- or four-year **Institution of Higher Education** in the United States or a post-secondary program of the students choosing.
- There is no restriction on the number of scholarship applicants per family.
- The scholarship award will be paid directly to the **Institution of Higher Education** and will be applied toward the recipient's tuition, books, required academic fees, room and/or board or to the post-secondary training institution.
- The scholarship will be awarded upon evidence of recipient's enrollment and other criteria established by the organization.

SELECTION

The **EKBPA Austin-East Scholarship Program** committee will select the scholarship recipient(s). The Committee will make selections based on several factors, with special emphasis on each applicant's character, personal merit, background, and past academic performance.

Recommendations for selection will be based on a combination of factors, where applicable, including GPA, ACT/SAT scores, the essay, letters of recommendation, school activities, leadership, community service and church involvement.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for the EKBPA Scholarship, an applicant:

- Must be a graduating high school senior within one year of application.
- Must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0.
- Must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited two-or four-year **Institution of Higher Education** in the United States at the time of the scholarship award.



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- Must complete an EKBPA Austin-East Scholarship Program application.
- Must submit three (3) letters of recommendation with scholarship application.
- Submit one (1) letter from at least one (1) each of the following categories:
 - Community leader/mentor/pastor;
 - Youth leader, community service provider;
 - Academic connection; (teacher, principal, counselor);
 - If working, from a supervisor.
- Must have demonstrated leadership skills in the community, and list community activity.
- Must write an essay on a topic provided with the application.

EKBPA Scholarship Committee Member's immediate family are not eligible to receive an award.



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Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

ZIP _____

Home _____

Mobile _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver's Name _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver's Address _____

City/State _____

ZIP _____

Work _____

Mobile _____

of Household
Dependents _____

in College _____

Name of High School Attending _____

*Fall Semester
Senior GPA _____

High School
Cumulative GPA _____

** submit your high school transcripts reflecting Fall 2022 Semester grades*

ACT

Score English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Overall _____

SAT

Score Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____



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List Academic Honors and Awards

List Academic Extracurricular Activities in which you are involved (outside of academics, not graded) (i.e. sports, the arts, community service, employment, internships, clubs, hobbies, volunteering, etc.)

List Activities where you have or had a Leadership Position (name activity/class and leadership role)

List Community Service or Volunteer Activities in which you are/have been involved (does not include work completed for family)

Location	Date	# Hours Worked	Type of Service
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List Other Scholarships you are or will be receiving, along with purpose of award. (i.e. academic excellence, community service, etc.)

Scholarship Name	Purpose of Award

Applicants **must** include an original, **Non-AI Generated** Essay, (400-500 words 12pt, double spaced, one-inch margins) entitled: "**The Power of Education: Building a Brighter Future**".

- **Essay Prompt**
Post-secondary education, whether through community college, university, or technical training, opens doors to personal growth, career opportunities, and stronger communities. In your essay, explain why pursuing education beyond high school matters to you and how it connects to your goals, values, and contributions to society. Share personal experiences challenges, or inspirations that have shaped your educational journey.
- **You can expand on any of the following:**
 - **Personal Motivation:**
Why you chose to pursue education after high school.
A personal story, mentor, or event that inspired you.
 - **Overcoming Challenges**
Any obstacles (financial, personal, academic, or social) you have faced in pursuing higher education.
The resilience, determination, or support systems that helped you continue.
 - **Career and Future Goals**
How post-secondary education will help you achieve your professional aspirations.
The skills, training, or experiences you hope to gain.
 - **Community Impact**
How your education will allow you to give back to your community.
The role of education in promoting equity, opportunity, and social change.
 - **Broader Importance of Education**
Why education matters not just for personal success but for society as a whole.
The connection between education, leadership, and innovation in today's world.



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- **Scholarship Application Deadline** **Friday, April 17, 2026**

Application must be received or postmarked on the deadline date.

- **Scholarships Award Presentation**
Seniors Award Day
- Applications may be emailed to eastknoxvillebpa@gmail.com; or
- Applications may be mailed to:
EKBPA Austin-East Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 6066
Knoxville, Tennessee 37914
- For more information, visit our website at www.ekbpa.com.