



# VAN ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Freeman Gross Memorial Scholarship

**Name of Scholarship: Freeman Gross Memorial Scholarship**  
**Established by: David & Jill Dutton**  
**Year Established: 2019**  
**Administered by: Van ISD Education Foundation**

**APPLICANT POOL:** Any graduating senior from Van High School who has attended Van High School for at least two years, meets all state and local graduation requirements, and plans to further their education through a specific trade or technical school.

**GENERAL OVERVIEW:** This scholarship may be awarded to any student who is enrolling in post-secondary education, whether the field of study is vocational or technical. He or she should demonstrate financial need and have the ability to complete the proposed course of study.

**NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:** The number of scholarships may vary yearly based on the total funds available, divided by \$1000.

**AMOUNT AWARDED:** One time \$1000 grant per recipient

**SELECTION PROCESS:** All required information must be received by Maigen Parham at [maigen.parham@vanisd.org](mailto:maigen.parham@vanisd.org) no later than March 29, 2021. The Van ISD Education Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee will choose the recipient(s) from eligible applications.

**PAYMENT TO RECIPIENT:** Announcement of these awards will be made at the annual Van High School Senior Night. Payment will be made to each individual student after proof of enrollment is sent to the foundation, along with a copy of the recipient's thank you note to the donor.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** This scholarship program requires an average academic grade of at least 80. The applicant should be a responsible student who exhibits good citizenship and reflects the goals of the foundation. The applicant's essay should include a statement reflecting how receiving this scholarship would help him or her be successful in life.

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## Please Read Carefully

- Applicants must be a current year Van High School senior who has attended Van High School for at least two years, meets all state and local graduation requirements, and has an overall grade point average of at least 80 at the end of the third nine weeks of their graduating year.
- Applicants must complete the 'Required Information' page by typing their information into the PDF file. Applicants must email (1) completed PDF file of 'Required Information' page, (2) typed essay, and (3) a current photo which may be used for publicity purposes to Maigen Parham, Executive Director of the Van ISD Education Foundation, at [maigen.parham@vanisd.org](mailto:maigen.parham@vanisd.org).
- Typed essay should explain the need for scholarship assistance as well as all personal and financial situations to be considered.
- Scholarships will primarily be awarded solely by the content of the essay; however, an interview may be required. If requested, the applicant must attend a personal interview. Missing a scheduled interview without rescheduling ahead of time will cause the applicant to become ineligible for the scholarship.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered, returned, or acknowledged. No recipient will be notified prior to the time of the award presentation.

**All applications and required attachments must be received by March 29, 2021.**

## ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

- Please choose one of the two topics listed below as your essay topic.
  - Type your essay with a font type no smaller than 12 point.
  - Essays must be at least one page but no longer than three pages.
  - Put your name in the footer of each page.
1. Why do you want to go to college/tech school?
  2. Which school do you want to attend and why this particular school?
  3. What is your planned major?
  4. How do you plan to pay for school (Loans, parents, scholarships, self)?

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

Type all responses within the PDF form below.

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Employment History	
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
GPA	
Class Rank	
Selected vocational or technical school?	
Have you been accepted?	
Intended field of study?	
List school or civic organizations you have been actively involved with as well as any volunteer work.	
FAMILY INFORMATION	
Mother's Name	
Mother's Employment	
Father's Name	
Father's Employment	
Number of people in your home	
Others in your home attending college	

Have you applied for or received any other scholarships? If so, please list below.

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	RECEIVED, DENIED, OR PENDING	AMOUNT