Vista Ridge High School Athletic Booster Club

Scholarship

PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

Goal

The goal of the Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Awards is to encourage VRHS students to pursue a college education and to reward and recognize outstanding performance in, and contributions to, Vista Ridge High School. This is achieved by awarding scholarships to those deserving seniors who typify the highest standards of academic performance, participation in UIL activities, leadership, and character.

Objective

The Scholarship Committee will ensure that scholarship information is made available to students by no later than **March 5th** of each year. They will also ensure that applications for Athletic Booster Club scholarships be evaluated based on an objective, unbiased assessment of achievement, leadership, academics, and participation in UIL activities. A panel of outside evaluators, the VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee, has been chosen by the members of the Athletic Booster Club to assist in the objective, unbiased evaluation of the essays received.

Committee Procedures

By **March 5th** of each year, the Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Application and criteria information will be posted in the Counselor's Office. Applications are due **April 8th** to the Counselor's office.

Beginning in March, Sports Representatives will be requested to ask the coaches, teachers, & counselors to announce that applications are being accepted & packets must be turned into the Counselor's Office no later than **April 8th**.

By **April 8th**, the VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee will be contacted to assist in the evaluation of essays. VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee members should be ready to receive essays the week after **April 8th**.

Upon receipt of all applications, as of **April 8th**, the Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Faculty Advisor (Vice-Principal or Counselor of Graduating Class) shall remove the cover page containing the name and identifying information of applicant. Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Faculty Advisor (Vice-Principal or Counselor of Graduating Class) shall then place an identification number on each application and prepare a log that identifies each application by name and unique number. Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Faculty Advisor (Vice-Principal or Counselor of Graduating Class) will also make sufficient copies to give a complete set to each VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee member. Applications may also be scanned in and sent electronically to committee members.

Each VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee member should have no less than one (1) week to evaluate the essays. The VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee should be requested to forward their scored essays to the committee chair within the time required.

The VRHS Athletic Booster Club will select the recipients based on outside scoring of the essays, the recommendations, and the High School Profile.

The results of the scoring will be presented to the VRHS ABC President and VRHS ABC officers. The funding of the awards is the responsibility of the VRHS ABC Vice President.

By **early May**, a list of the VRHS ABC Scholarship awards will be forwarded to the appropriate Counselor for inclusion in the official records, and included in the announcements made at commencement.

Due to the requirements for these scholarships, release of funds is not anticipated until **late August or September**, since proof of enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited school is required.

Scholarships must be claimed by recipients **within 48 months of award date**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to forward proof of enrollment to the VRHS ABC Treasurer. If a student is unable to accept the scholarship award due to NCAA Bylaws governing Financial Aid from outside sources, the award will be returned to VRHS ABC.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to college bound seniors who have demonstrated a high level of participation in high school and have made a significant contribution to Vista Ridge High School through UIL participation, academics, leadership, and community involvement.

Qualifications

The student must be a senior and have participated in UIL activities while attending Vista Ridge High School. The student must be in good standing. A student must complete the Scholarship Application and submit it to the committee by the deadline.

The student's parent or guardian must have been a paid member of the Vista Ridge High School, Athletic Booster Club, for a minimum of two (2) years and in good standing, as confirmed by the Athletic Director and respective Coach.

A scholarship recipient must provide proof of full-time enrollment from an accredited college/university by submitting proof to the VRHS ABC Vice President or approved Officer in order to receive scholarship funds. This may be in the form of a copy of a receipt for registration and/or payment of fees, or any other document that indicates a student's enrollment. (If there is any question regarding the named college/university's accreditation, the Counselors' Office may be contacted for assistance.) The scholarship recipient may choose to have the award sent to him/her or to the college or university. In the event that the scholarship recipient is a NCAA recruited athlete, the NCAA requires that the funds be sent to the college or university.

If a student receiving a scholarship fails to meet the criteria for release of funds, the Booster Club Officer will notify the remaining VRHS ABC Executive Board and the funds will be returned to the Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club.

If a scholarship recipient is a NCAA recruited athlete and the college or university notifies the VRHS ABC and/or the recipient that they may not accept the scholarship, the amount of the award is returned to the VRHS ABC.

Important Directions

Because the applicant's name is not on any of the documentation other than the cover sheet, we suggest that you place each recommendation letter in an envelope with your name on the outside. This will give the person filling out the form knowledge of whom the recommendation is for.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NUMBER: _____
(Assigned by Counseling Office)

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **, Texas Zip** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Student's email address: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Scholarship Criteria: Applicants must be a Senior who has participated on a UIL sports team while attending Vista Ridge High School. **Students must complete the scholarship application and submit it to the Vista Ridge High School Counselor's Office or to the Vista Ridge High School Athletic Booster Club by the deadline of April 8th, 2019. The address is: VRHS ABC Scholarship Committee, c/o VRHS ABC, 200 S. Vista Ridge Boulevard, Cedar Park, TX 78613**

Scholarships will be awarded only to college-bound seniors who enroll in accredited colleges or universities as full-time students within 12 months of the awards. Winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

ESSAY: Please write a 600-800 word essay explaining how participation in high school UIL activities has enriched your life and/or allowed you to contribute to the VRHS community.

Recommendations (using the attached form) must be submitted in individual envelopes by the coach, teacher or counselor completing the recommendation. Please provide the envelope when requesting the recommendation.

ATTACH 3 RECOMMENDATION FORMS (using attached form), ESSAY, AND COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE TO THIS APPLICATION.

I am submitting this application and attachments for consideration for a Vista Ridge Athletic Booster Club Scholarship. All information provided is complete and accurate.

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

APPLICANT NUMBER: _____
(Assigned by Counseling Office)

STEP 1 ~ Please use this form to Record your POINTS for Each Category.
STEP 2 ~ Attach an Additional Page LISTING your Activities or Qualifications for Numbers 1-6.

- **Number 1 ~ LIST your Weighted GPA**
- **Numbers 2-6 ~ LIST your Activities or Qualifications**

Information must be complete and may be verified by the Committee by contacting your counselors, teachers, coaches, sponsors, and employers.

1). ACADEMICS — TOTAL: _____

GPA = 5+ (give yourself 12 points)
GPA = 4.0 – 4.9 (give yourself 10 points)
GPA = 3.0 – 3.9 (give yourself 8 points)
GPA = 2.0 – 2.9 (give yourself 6 points)
Total points possible = 12

2). UIL ACTIVITIES — TOTAL: _____

Please list all UIL (or equivalent) Activities in which you have participated. Give yourself 1 point per full year of participation. (Includes, dance, band, choir, theater arts, debate, etc.)
Total points possible = 5

3). UIL ATHLETICS — TOTAL: _____

Please list all UIL (or equivalent) Athletics in which you have participated. Give yourself 1 point per full season of participation. (Includes, sports, trainers).
Total points possible = 10

4). CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, & GROUP AFFILIATIONS — TOTAL: _____

Please list all groups in which you have participated. Give yourself 1 point per full year of participation. (Includes school and/or community involvement, select sports or club sports and can be organizations you joined, as long as you were an active member for a full year, or season, and clubs or organizations to which you were selected for membership, such as NHS, PALS, Mu Alpha Theta, National Spanish Honor Society, etc.)
Total points possible = 12

5). AWARDS & RECOGNITION — TOTAL: _____

Please list all awards, honors, and recognitions received. Give yourself 1 point per award. (Includes school, community, and employment) Examples: Elected officer of a club, selected as captain or leader of a team or club, received your letter for participating in an activity at the varsity level, MVP, All-District, and beyond team member, musician, cast member, Employee of the Month, etc.
Total points possible = 12

6). Employment — TOTAL: _____

Please list your work experience. Give yourself 1 point per year of summer employment if you worked 20 hours/week average. Give yourself 1 point per year for school year employment if you worked 30 hours/month average during the 9 month school year.
Total points possible = 4

SIX SECTION TOTAL: _____

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Your Name & Title: _____

How do you know applicant? _____

How many years have you known the applicant? _____

Please complete the following questions. Do NOT use the applicant's name, instead, please use "he/him" or "she/her".

In your opinion, what are the applicant 's strongest character traits?

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Please consider the statements below and rate the applicant on a scale of one to five, one being weak and five being exceptional.

1. Applicant possesses leadership capabilities and has been a good example for other students.

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2. Applicant is an enthusiastic student.

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3. Applicant is a model representative of Vista Ridge High School.

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4. Applicant has made a significant contribution to Vista Ridge High School.

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