



Paint Branch High School

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INTRODUCTION:

The Paint Branch High School Educational Foundation is pleased to seek applications for our scholarship program. Our vision is to support Paint Branch High School (PBHS); its students, staff and families. With this in mind, we will be funding up to **seven one-time scholarships for \$500.00 to \$1000.00** this spring.

The Educational Foundation is very fortunate this year to offer up to seven scholarships administered by the Educational Foundation: five \$500.00 scholarships from the PB Educational Foundation, one \$500.00 scholarship from the Flexel Corporation, and one \$1000.00 Jeanette Dixon scholarship from the Athletic Association (formerly Athletic Boosters). The requirements for each scholarship are listed below:

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

All Scholarships:

1. All applicants must be Paint Branch seniors planning to further their education; either at a 4 year college, 2 year college or trade school. Scholarship winners will have the checks made out to the school the student ultimately chooses to attend, NOT to the student.
2. All three types of scholarships require the 500 word essay below.
3. All three types of scholarships require an unofficial transcript to be emailed with the application.

Five \$500.00 Educational Foundation Scholarships Requirements:

- All three of the above requirements need to be fulfilled.
- No other requirements are necessary to apply.

One \$500.00 Flexel Corporation Scholarship Requirements:

- All three of the above requirements need to be fulfilled.
- Student must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.5
- Student must be planning to major in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) field. Please list your intended major in the heading of the essay.

AS AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY, for the student selected for the Flexel Scholarship:

The student selected for the Flexel scholarship will be interviewed for a six week paid summer internship at Flexel Corporation. The internship is separate from the scholarship. In other words, the student who wins this scholarship will have an opportunity beyond the scholarship to intern, but it is not a requirement for winning the scholarship.

One \$1000.00 Jeanette Dixon Scholarship sponsored by the Paint Branch Athletic Association:

- All three of the above requirements need to be fulfilled.
- Student must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.0
- Student must have earned a minimum of one varsity letter. Please list all varsity letters earned.
- Student must have a recommendation letter from a community member attesting to the students' leadership skills or community involvement.

ESSAY (Required for ALL scholarships):

In honor of the life of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black President from 1994-1999, and the first elected chief executive in a fully representative democratic election, our scholarship topic is inspired by his life and commitment to education.

Nelson Mandela once said: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” How is your education at Paint Branch the tool to help you change the world?

We are asking students to interpret the above quote, relate it to their time here at Paint Branch High School and to their educational future in an essay of 500 words or less.

INSTRUCTIONS:

All three types of scholarships are open to **current seniors**, who will be furthering their education in the fall at college, community college, or trade school. **Payments will be made directly to the school of their choice.**

Essays and unofficial transcripts must be submitted electronically to Brian Eichenlaub, Foundation President, at Brian_E_Eichenlaub@mcpsmd.org, no later than Monday, **March 31, 2014 by midnight.** For the **Flexel Corporation Scholarship**, the student needs to list what they will major in along with their essay and unofficial transcript. For the **Jeanette Dixon Scholarship**, the students need to list the varsity letter(s) earned and send the recommendation letter along with their essay and unofficial transcript.

The Foundation Board of Directors (BOD) will then select a shortlist of applicants to interview and discuss their essay orally with the BOD as the final part of the competition. The date for the interviews is May 1, 2014 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to award fewer than seven scholarships if insufficient qualified submissions are received.

Please be sure to include the following information in the header of your essay:

Name, phone, address and email address AND scholarship you are applying for. You may apply for all three categories, just be sure to list that at the top of the essay and make sure you meet the requirements of each scholarship type.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Eichenlaub at 301-929-2184, or Brian_E_Eichenlaub@mcpsmd.org.