Dorinda Pillow Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

# **Pillow Alumni Scholarship – Spring 2016**

The Pillow Elementary Alumni Scholarship recognizes former Pillow Elementary students who have excelled in their academic endeavors while supporting their community through various service projects. The recipient of this scholarship must intend to further his/her education by attending a Vocational School, Junior College, or a four-year University.

Pillow PTA shall offer one (1) $500.00 scholarship to a qualified candidate.

Candidates must meet the listed mandatory requirements. All candidates must:

* Currently be a high school senior who attends and will graduate from a high school within Austin Independent School District (AISD) in June, 2016.
* Plan to continue his/her education at a Vocational School, Junior College, or University for the 2016/2017 school year.
* Be a former Pillow Elementary student with at least three (3) years of attendance at Pillow.
* Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better as of December, 2015.
* Have demonstrated involvement in community service-based organizations.
* Submit a completed Application Package, postmarked by 05/22/2016.

The scholarship shall be awarded based on the combination of:

* Academic Performance;
* Participation in community service based organizations;
* Essay; and
* Letters of recommendation.

In order to be considered as a candidate, please complete the application package and submit all required documents, postmarked by May 22, 2016, to:

Pillow Elementary

Scholarship Committee

3025 Crosscreek Dr.

Austin, TX 78757

Pillow Elementary

Alumni Scholarship Application Form

2015 – 2016 School Year

Deadline: May 22, 2016 postmark

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Section 1: Candidate Information

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| Name: |       |
| Mailing Address: |       |
| City/State: |       |
| E-mail Address: |       |
| Home Phone/Cell Phone: |       |
| Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: |       |
| Mailing Address (if different from Candidate’s) |       |
| Home Phone (if different from Candidate’s) |       |
| Work and Cell Phone: |       |
| Current School Name: |       |
| Current School Address and Phone: |       |
| Dates of Attendance at Pillow Elementary:(Information may be obtained from candidate’s Project Advance Facilitator or High School Counselor.) |       |

Section 2: Additional Candidate Information

**(Candidate may attach ONE (1) additional page, if necessary, to complete this section.)**

List and describe academic honors/awards received, and involvement in community service organizations throughout high school years. These are not limited to school-based activities.

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| **Academic Honor/Award/Involvement in Community Service Organization** | **Year** | **Description of activities (for Community Service projects)** |
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Section 3: Essay

Choose one (1) of the following topics and in one (1) page: 1) Explain how your experience at Pillow Elementary has helped you succeed today, or 2) Describe how a Pillow teacher or staff member made an impact on your life?

Essays must be typed, with single spacing, font size Times New Roman 12 pt. The essay should be no longer than one (1) 8.5” x11” page.

Section 4: Letters of Recommendation

Candidate must provide two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) must be from a community service contact that has worked directly with the candidate on a project. The second letter may be from a teacher or counselor at candidate’s high school, OR a personal reference with first-hand knowledge of the candidate (not a family member). Both letters must contain information about the characteristics of the candidate that make him/her the best choice for this scholarship.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

\*\* Please use this as your checklist to ensure that you are returning a complete application packet. This checklist must be turned in as the cover sheet for your application packet. All pages must be attached, in order.

Candidate’s Name:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The candidate’s complete application packet must contain the following documents:

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|[ ]  Completed Checklist |
|[ ]  Completed Alumni Scholarship Application Form (Sections 1 and 2) |
|[ ]  Essay |
|[ ]  Two (2) letters of recommendation  |
|[ ]  Official copy of Candidate’s high school transcript as of December, 2015 |
|[ ]  Self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification of award status |

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

I certify that all information on this application is true and correct.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Complete application must be postmarked no later than May 22, 2016. Notification will take place by June 2, 2016.