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## **San Antonio H.O.P.E. Chapter Scholarship**

The San Antonio H.O.P.E. Chapter is pleased to announce its Third Annual Scholarship Award Program.

The San Antonio Chapter of H.O.P.E. was established as a non-profit organization. Regular membership is comprised of active and retired postal employees, family members and friends. Officers and trustees serve on the Executive Board. The organization meets monthly with the goals of disseminating information about postal employment and to participate actively in the community.

With these purposes and goals in mind, the San Antonio H.O.P.E. Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund has been established for the benefit of well-deserving students in the Rio Grande District.

H.O.P.E. scholarships are intended to assist students toward attaining their higher education goals at accredited colleges and universities. Children of current postal employees in the Rio Grande District are invited to apply. Children include biological and adopted children, as well as foster children, stepchildren, or legal wards of current postal employees. The scholarship must be used solely for academic purposes.

Applicants must be a senior in a public or private high school, a high school graduate, or possess a G.E.D. equivalency. Full-time students in good standing at a college or university are also eligible to apply. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

For an application to be considered complete, it must include all of the following:

- **Personal Statement Essay:** Applicants must submit a personal statement essay reflecting the importance of the H.O.P.E. Scholarship to them. It is important the essay be well-written, since it serves as a direct reflection of the applicant. The essay should be TYPED, double-spaced, no more than two 8 ½-by-11 inch sheets of plain white paper and be attached to the application.
- **Official Transcript:** Applicants must submit certified, official high school or college transcripts.
- **Personal Achievements:** Applicants must list – and explain as necessary – *up to* five top personal achievements related to school, work experience and/or external activities. Attach as separate sheet.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from their instructors, teachers, school counselors or employers. The letters of recommendation must include the name, address, occupation and contact telephone number of the individual providing the recommendation.

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Scholarships will range from \$1000 to \$1500 and will be awarded by two methods. The first method will be by an evaluated scale of 100 percent, with point valuations assigned as follows:

- 40 percent** – Quality of Personal Statement Essay
- 30 percent** – Academic Merit (OFFICIAL transcripts)
- 20 percent** – List of Up to Five Personal Achievements
- 10 percent** – Two Letters of Recommendation

The second method will be a random draw from each completed package. Applicants will be able to receive only one scholarship each year and a minimum of 4 scholarships will be awarded. Incomplete applications will be disqualified from consideration.

NOTE: Scholarships will be sent to the Business/Financial Office of the school you will attend only, and are for the Fall 2010 school year.

DEADLINE: Scholarship submissions must be completed and postmarked no later than **April 24, 2010**.

MAIL TO: **H.O.P.E. Scholarship Committee**  
**PO Box 33922**  
**San Antonio TX 78265-3922**

Sincerely,

  
John Lomba  
President

Attachment: Application

