

# THE TEXAS POT OF GOLD FOUNDATION

## GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS

### INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Texas Pot of Gold Foundation will award the Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship and other scholarships as donations to the Foundation make possible. The Whitfield Scholarship is intended to make a significant financial contribution to the education of a senior high school girl, who will graduate from an accredited Texas high school, will become a full time student at an institution of higher learning of her choice. Other Texas Pot of Gold Foundation's scholarships are intended to assist the recipient with her financial needs as she prepares herself for the future by attending an institution of higher learning or a vocational training school of her choice. All recipients must be a member in good standing or a Majority member of the Grand Assembly of Texas and will at all times be a good representative of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. The recipients of the scholarships will be selected on the following documented areas:

1. graduating Senior: scholastic records through the first semester of her senior year, which include, but are not limited to, courses taken, grade point average, SAT and/or ACT scores; College student: college transcript;
2. Rainbow service, which includes, but is not limited to, years of membership, offices held and honors received;
3. community service;
4. financial need and
5. school, personal and fraternal references.

The scholarships will be paid as follows: one-half upon presentation of the scholarship at Grand Assembly and one-half upon receipt of an official copy of the first semester transcript showing at least 12 semester hours taken and a grade point average of at least a B (3.0).

The applicant must have three references, one personal, one educational and one fraternal, and will give one of the three enclosed Reference Forms and self-addressed envelopes to the reference persons. The applicant's reference choices will return the completed form to the Texas Pot of Gold Foundation. The applicant will furnish the postage for the return of the Reference Forms.

The applicant must submit an essay that can be either handwritten or typed and should be between one to three pages in length. The applicant should discuss why they selected their college major, their long term goals, and how the scholarship will help their financial needs.

In order to be considered for scholarships this year by the Texas Pot of Gold Foundation, the completed application packet must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. completed application,
2. an official copy of their transcript
  - a. High School Senior – a transcript through the first semester of your senior year
  - b. High School Graduates or College Students
    1. with less than one year college – a high school and a college transcript
    2. with one year or more of college – a college transcript
3. SAT and/or ACT scores,
4. grade point average with explanation of how it was calculated,
5. record of offices held and honors received in Rainbow both local and state,
6. the required essay,
7. three references and
8. a current photograph.

All must be returned by April 15, 2017, to:

Ben Clegg, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Texas Pot of Gold Foundation  
P.O. Box 444  
Warren, Texas 77664

The Foundation will evaluate each application and will determine if a personal interview is required. The applicant will be notified of the Committee's decision by May 31 and the presentation of the scholarship will be made at Grand Assembly.