

THE TEXAS POT OF GOLD FOUNDATION
GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Texas Pot of Gold Foundation will award the Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship, the David B. Dibrell Scholarship, and other scholarships of The Texas Pot of Gold Foundation as donations to the Foundation make them possible. The Whitfield Scholarship and Dibrell Scholarship and other Scholarships of The Texas Pot of Gold Foundation are intended to assist the recipient with her financial needs as she prepares herself for the future by attending or being currently enrolled in, an institution of higher learning or a vocational training school of her choice and who will:

1. become a full-time student, normally defined as enrollment in twelve (12) or more semester hours of academic study for undergraduate students and enrollment in nine (9) or more semester hours of academic study for graduate students, these hours can be taken on campus, online or a combination of, but must be offered by, taught by, monitored by, and grades issued by an institution of higher learning, in the **2024** Fall semester;
2. and be registered at an institution of higher learning of their choice, which has a regular teaching staff, course of study, and a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance. This does not include on-the-job-training, correspondence school, or internet school.

All applicants must be a member in good standing, having been a member of the Order for at least one year prior to April 15 of the year the scholarship is applied for, or be a Majority member of the Grand Assembly of Texas, whose current permanent residence is in Texas, who is actively working with a Rainbow Assembly and who will, always, be a good representative of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

The recipients of the Scholarships of The Texas Pot of Gold Foundation will be selected on the following documented areas:

1. Completed application
 2. Graduating Senior:
 - a. official transcript through the first semester of her senior year, which include, but not limited to, courses taken, grade point average and how calculated
 - b. SAT and/or ACT scores
- High School Graduates or College Students:
- a. with less than one year of college – a high school and a college transcript with grade point average and how calculated
 - b. with one year or more of college – a college transcript with grade point average and how calculated

3. Rainbow service, which includes, but is not limited to, years of membership, offices held, and honors received
4. Community service
5. Financial need
6. School, personal, and fraternal references (not a relative). References are not required for applicants who have previously received a Texas Pot of Gold Scholarship.
7. A current photograph
8. An Essay

A completed application must include three adult references (not a relative), one personal, one educational and one fraternal, and the Applicant will give one of the three enclosed Reference Forms plus a pre-addressed and stamped envelopes to each of the reference persons. The applicant's referenced persons will return the completed form to the Texas Pot of Gold Foundation in the prepared envelope. See #6 above for previous recipients.

The applicant must submit an essay that can be either handwritten or typed and should be between one to two pages in length. The applicant should discuss how she sees her role in Rainbow while attending an institution of higher learning, how she sees her role in Rainbow in the future after schooling, why her college major was selected, her long-term career goals, and how the scholarship will help her financially.

The Scholarships will be paid as follows: one-half at the presentation of the Scholarship at the 2024 annual session of the Grand Assembly of Texas and one-half upon receipt of an official copy of the **2024** Fall semester transcript showing the enrollment and completion of twelve (12) or more semester hours for undergraduate students or nine (9) or more semester hours for graduate students with a grade point average of a B (3.0) or better.

The completed Application must be returned to Ben Clegg, Secretary, and received by April 15, 2024:

Ben Clegg, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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 the annual session of the Grand Assembly of Texas.