



BARBARA WAND JAMES HOMELESS STUDENT SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

The Barbara Wand James Homeless Student Support Scholarship celebrates Ms. James' 24 years of service as Director of the Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO). Her legacy lives on in this scholarship fund that will support homeless students to attend and succeed in post-secondary education endeavors.

intent

Students that faced the challenges of homelessness but, nevertheless, graduated from high school, have demonstrated tremendous strength already in their young lives. The **Barbara Wand James Homeless Student Support Scholarship** seeks to build on that strength by financially assisting homeless Texas students who have been accepted into higher education institutions and other post-secondary programs that prepare youths for successful careers. This scholarship supports those students whose life experiences show tremendous resilience.

eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a graduate of or near graduation from a Texas high school and have at least a 2.5 GPA;
- Show proof of acceptance into a 2-year or 4-year accredited higher education institution in order to receive funds;
- Be under the age of 21 on September of the year prior to the award, have completed no more than two years of college, be a high school senior, or be a recent high school graduate;
- Have been homeless at some point while attending high school (grades 9 – 12);
- Not eligible to receive a foster care tuition waiver.

awards

Awards will be made annually. Award amounts will be determined depending upon the funds available. All donations to this scholarship go directly to the student(s) receiving the award and not the institution(s) attended. Application submission deadlines and award notification timelines will be determined **year by year**. Applications will generally be available from January 1 to June 1 of each year. Award recipients will be announced at the Fall Texas Homeless Education Conference that usually occurs in late September or early October.

To view a complete summary of the scholarship eligibility and award criteria visit www.theotx.org.

donations

The College of Natural Sciences Foundation at the University of Texas at Austin will hold all scholarship funds until they are dispersed to selected awardees. The College of Natural Sciences is the official arm of The University of Texas at Austin under which THEO operates. **All donations to the scholarship fund are tax deductible.**

Donate to the Barbara Wand James Homeless Student Support Scholarship at:
<http://www.theotx.org/barbara-wand-james-homeless-student-support-scholarship>

Help a homeless student in Texas achieve their dream of going to college!