



The Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship

IMPORTANT!!!! APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION

Following the instructions will be worth 20 points in the scoring of the application. Scholarships will be awarded based on the requirements listed below:

1. Application and essay must be typed or printed in black ink only.
2. Staple the application together in the order listed below:
 - first** - The application with the student's name up, **Completed, Signed and Dated**
 - second** - All applicants must provide a one page essay. The applicant should address how or why they selected their college major, their need for this scholarship and a list of all other financial aid the student expects to receive.
 - third** - Official and complete Grade Transcript(s) from the following:
 - High School** - The High School transcript must have an overall GPA,
 - College** - Students with 12 or more hours of college credit must submit all their college transcript(s). All transcript(s) must have an overall GPA. **College transcripts must have the official signature and college seal.** SAT or ACT scores (if provided) will help determine the student's academic achievement points.
 - fourth** - a copy of the RESULTS of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) called the "Student Aid Report". The page with the Effective Family Contribution (EFC) on it is the only page of the report that is needed. **Do not send all pages of the report. Using the "Electronic FAFSA" and "Application Print Report" is acceptable for submission; however, the report must identify the student's name and the Effective Family Contribution (EFC).**
3. Answer **all** of the application questions. Unanswered questions will keep your application from being considered.
4. The completed application must either be postmarked by March 29th or must be RECEIVED in the Slough Foundation Scholarship office by the first working day of **April** (no exceptions). Faxes will Not be accepted.
5. Read and sign the certification at the end of this application. Unsigned applications will not be accepted.
6. **Please mail your complete application in a 9 by 12 inch envelope. Do not use any type of folder or cover for the application or documents. Attach and send only the documents requested. Do not fold the application, essay, transcripts, or FAFSA results. We prefer that transcripts are not sent in a separate and sealed envelope.**

Scholarship Awards

Up to \$5000 per year (\$2,500 per sem. Fall & Spring Only) for a total of 5 years or the completion of a Bachelor's Degree or a total accumulation of 136 semester hours or 36 credits, whichever comes first.

Smaller amounts may be awarded on a one-time basis with no guarantee of future awards.

The decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Notifications of awards and status of applications are mailed in August.

Selection Process

Applications will be scored as follows:

- Following the instructions outlined above are worth a possible 20 points;
- Need as determined by using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), other financial aid to be received and the essay is worth a possible 20 points;
- Academic achievement as determined by an evaluation of the student's high school or college transcript and SAT, ACT scores are worth a possible 40 points.

Required Eligibility Criteria

- Residence----- Must be a Texas resident and U.S. citizen at the time of application;
- Application----- Only complete applications are accepted. (Complete means all items filled in and all documents attached.)
- Need ----- Must demonstrate need through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the need essay;
- Academic Achievement-- Must have a Minimum of a 3.0 GPA -demonstrated by academic/scholastic achievement evidenced by: the high school transcript, class rank, ACT, SAT scores or by the college transcript.
- College Enrollment ----- Must enroll as a full-time student for the term of scholarship eligibility.

(Full-time is the equivalent of 12 semester hours or more each term.)

Applicants/Recipients may not have accumulated more than a total of 136 college credit hours or 36 college units.

**Submit completed Application, Essay, Transcript & Federal Aid Results to:
Scholarship Administrator**

The Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship

3600 N. Garfield Midland, TX 79705 email address: Slough_scholarship@midland.edu

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Application and essay must be typed or printed in black ink only.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Maiden Name _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) _____
 (to be taken from the FAFSA results.)

Are you a Texas Resident: Yes[] or No [], and a U.S. Citizen: Yes[] or No [] Email Address: _____

Permanent Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____ Phone _____

Address While In School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____ Phone _____

Name of the college/university you will attend _____ Estimated Date of College Graduation _____

I am a previous recipient of the Slough Scholarship [] Yes, or No [] If Yes, in which year was it received _____.

ACADEMIC HISTORY/INFORMATION

High School information: (All applicants must complete this section. Only currently enrolled high school students must have a Counselor/Principal signature.)

Name of the High School Attended _____ High School City _____

I did [] or will [] graduate from high school on (date of graduation): ____/____/____

Overall high school GPA (on a 100 point scale only). This GPA may not exceed 100 points) _____

High school class rank _____ out of a class of _____ ACT score (if taken) _____, or SAT score (if taken) _____

Counselor/Principal Signature _____ Date _____

All currently enrolled high school students must have a Counselor or Principal signature and date when this section has been completed, and attach an official high school transcript.

College Information: (All applicants with 12 or more college semester hour credits must complete this section. List the information for every college ever attended.)

College Name _____	City _____	State _____	Cumulative GPA _____	Total of all Credit Hours taken at this institution _____
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Those completing this section must attach all of your official college transcripts.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained on this form is correct and complete. I agree that the Scholarship Administrator has my permission to verify any and all information. I also agree to release copies of tax returns and other documentation upon request to the Scholarship Administrator. I understand that any discrepancies will be cause to eliminate this application from the applicant pool. I understand that my complete application must be post marked by March 29th or must be RECEIVED by the first working day of April (no exceptions). Faxes will NOT be accepted.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

EFC _____ H.S. GPA _____ SAT ACT _____

For Office Use Only: Instruction _____ Academic _____ Need _____ Essay _____ Total Points _____

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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DEADLINE DATE:

1. Q- When may I apply for the scholarship?
A- The Application must have the results of the next year's Federal Aid Application attached. As a result, the student must wait to submit the Slough application until they have received their federal aid application results. Apply for federal aid early. You can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . The results can be calculated and printed after completing the application.
2. Q- When is the DEADLINE for the application?
A- The DEADLINE is April 1st each year. The application and all required documents must be post marked by March 29th or must be RECEIVED in the Slough Administrator's Office by the first working day of April. Faxes will not be accepted.
3. Q- What if my parents or I have not completed our Federal income tax yet (which is required for completing the Free Federal Aid Application)?
A- The Free Federal Aid Application allows for an estimate. You may estimate what your income will be by using the previous year tax return and adding or subtracting any additional income or loss of income. However, you must indicate on the Free Federal Aid Application that you are estimating your income.

APPLICATION:

4. Q- Where can I get an application?
A- The application may be printed from the Midland College WEB page at www.midland.edu. Select: "Admission/Student Services",
"Financial Aid",
"Financial Aid Forms"
"Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship Application"
5. Q- Can I send the results of my Federal Aid Application or transcript later or separately?
A- NO, If the application and all required documents are not sent together it will not be accepted.
6. Q- Why do I need the results of a Free Federal Aid Application attached to my Slough application?
A- The results of the Free Federal Aid Application uses a standard measure for determining a student's financial need. Without it and the Effective Family Contribution (EFC) we can not fairly compare the need of the applicants.
7. Q- Should I send other documents (like tax returns, resume, reference letters, certificates/awards etc.) that might help explain my financial or academic status?
A- NO, Please do not send any other documents except those listed on the application. The applicant can lose points for not following the directions on the application.
The list of items to submit are as follows: Application (Biographical Page only), one page Essay, Official High School and/or College Transcript, and the page of the Free Federal Aid Application with the EFC number on it. Do not use any type of folder or cover for the application or documents. Attach and send only the documents requested. Please use a 9 by12 inch envelope to mail the complete application. Do not fold the pages of the application, transcripts, FAFSA results or essay. We prefer that transcripts are not sent in a separate and sealed envelope.

ELIGIBILITY:

8. Q- I have already completed a Bachelor's or Master's College Degree, may I still apply for the Slough Scholarship?
A- NO, This scholarship is only for undergraduates.
9. Q- What requirements must all applicants meet?
A- All applicants must be U.S. Citizens and Texas Residents. They must demonstrate their financial need by completing a Free Federal Aid application for the appropriate school year, and they must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in high school or college. There is no requirement on which higher education institution in the U.S. they must attend, except to say, it must be an accredited university, college or trade school.
10. Q- Can an Institution/School apply for Slough scholarship funds?
A- NO, This scholarship is only for students and does not fund institutions.
11. Q- Are "Home Schooled" high school students eligible to apply for the scholarship?
A- YES, however, an official high school transcript must be attached which clearly shows the students GPA and courses.
12. Q- Must I be a full-time student?
A- YES, scholarship recipients must be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of 12 semester hours or full-time for the scholarship term.

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Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Continued,

ESSAY:

13. Q- May I have someone else write my one page essay such as Parents, Teacher, a Friend, or Counselor, etc.
A- NO, The applicant is the only one who should write the Essay.
14. Q- What should I write in my one page essay?
A- Please include the following information in the essay: describe your reasons for needing this scholarship, identify any other financial aid you expect to receive, include your anticipated major, why you selected that major, and how you expect to use your major after you graduate.

TRANSCRIPTS:

15. Q- Which transcripts must I submit?
A- If you have no college or less than 12 college semester hours or quarter hours or units, then submit only your official High School transcripts. HOWEVER, if you have college credits equal or greater than: 12 college semester hours, quarter hours, or units then you should submit all transcripts from every college you have attended.
- Q- If I have attended two or more colleges may I submit only my current college transcript if it has my transfer work from the other colleges on it?
A- NO, A transcript from every college ever attended is required. If a student attends more than one college they must submit official transcripts from every college they have attended.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND NOTIFICATION:

16. Q- How will I know if my application was received?
A- There are two ways for you to be sure your application was received, (1.) Mail the application with "Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested", or (2.) Send a self addressed and stamped envelope or post card with the application and a notification receipt will be returned to you.
17. Q- How or when will I know if I was selected to receive the scholarship?
A- Notifications of awards and/or the status of applications will be made by mail in August.

SELECTION & PAYMENT:

18. Q- If I am selected to receive a scholarship when and how will the funds be sent?
A- All funds are sent directly to the institution the student is attending. Fall checks will not be sent until the recipient signs and returns a contract and a Fall class schedule. Typically the checks are not mailed until after August 25th. It may be into September before funds are received by the institution.
19. Q- If I am selected as a recipient, what will I need to do about payment of Tuition and Fees if my institution requires payment before the check is received in August or September?
A- You must work out your payment arrangements with the institution. However, most institutions will give you some consideration if you provide them with a copy of your award letter from the Slough Scholarship Foundation.