

## BILL PACE COGDELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**Scholarship deadline:  
Monday July 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**

**This one-time scholarship pays for tuition, fees, and books for students at Midland College during the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters.**

### To be eligible for this scholarship, individuals must:

- 1) Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- 2) Have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- 3) Be attending, or plan to attend, Midland College (if attending already, must be meeting requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress)
- 4) Be enrolling in at least 6 hours or more of college coursework (developmental and/or credit-bearing)
- 5) Complete an application and provide all information requested
- 6) Not have more than 93 hours attempted at Midland College
- 7) Not be on federal financial aid suspension from Midland College, unless approved by the Director of the Cogdell Learning Center beforehand

### Scholarship Selection Committee considers each applicant's:

- Academic/personal background/essay/letter of recommendation
- Demonstrated financial need
- Educational and career goals
- Steps taken to plan college attendance
- Past/Current involvement with Cogdell Learning Center's services/resources

Please note: If awarded the scholarship, students must provide five hours of service to the Cogdell Learning Center (or another approved site) each semester they are awarded this scholarship.

If you have questions, please contact Liz Zenteno at [Lzenteno@midland.edu](mailto:Lzenteno@midland.edu), 684-4518 or stop by the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida. **Submit applications in person or mail to 201 W. Florida, Midland, TX 79701.**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

<b>For Office Use Only</b>	
Date Received	_____
Time Received	_____
Received By	_____

(Please print neatly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of 2 close friends or relatives not living with you

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (if married) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_ List ages of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father's Highest Educational Achievement

Grade School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ Associates Degree or Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelors Degree or Above \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mother's Highest Educational Achievement

Grade School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ Associates Degree or Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelors Degree or Above \_\_\_\_\_


Date of your high school graduation or GED completion \_\_\_\_\_

Level of education you intend to complete: Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Associates Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelors Degree or Above \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Major/Career Interest? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend college: part-time \_\_\_\_\_ full-time \_\_\_\_\_ don't know \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be employed while going to college, please list your place of employment and the number of hours/week you plan to work.

<b>For Office Use Only</b>	
<b>Only</b>	
 <b>LIST</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Complete/Signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Essay attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of recommendation attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript/GED scores attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax forms attached

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**To Complete This Application, you must submit the following:**

- 1) Application Form (pages 2-5 of this document)
- 2) 1 page essay (see instructions on page 6)
- 3) 1 recommendation letter from a non-relative (see page 6)
- 4) High School or College Transcript or GED Test Scores
- 5A) Copy of your 2008 tax return. If you do not submit tax forms, please indicate why:

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**5B) Your Parents' Tax Forms, if applicable. To determine if you must submit, please answer the following questions:**

- | Yes   | No    |                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| _____ | _____ | Were you born before January 1, 1986?                                                                                                                                  |
| _____ | _____ | As of today, are you married? (answer yes if separated but not divorced.)                                                                                              |
| _____ | _____ | Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?                                                                                             |
| _____ | _____ | Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010? |
| _____ | _____ | Are you an orphan, or are you or were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?                                                                                |
| _____ | _____ | Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?                                                                                                                            |

**If you answered "no" to all six questions above, please submit your parents' tax forms along with your tax forms. We need both parents' tax forms, even if they are divorced or separated. If you answered "yes" to any of the six questions, you do not need to provide your parents' tax forms.**

**If your parents do not submit tax forms, or you do not have both parents' tax forms, please indicate why:**

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### Preparing to Start College

The Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship Committee recognizes that taking the necessary steps to prepare for college is a major indicator of future success. We highly **RECOMMEND** that you complete each task listed and provide evidence of the following.



Have you applied to Midland College yet? If not, you may apply online or fill out an application at the Midland College Admissions Office. You must apply before you will be allowed to register for classes at Midland College.

Task	Admission Department Employee Signature	Date
Provide evidence that you have <b>applied to Midland College</b> . Please attach evidence OR get a Midland College Admissions Department employee to sign.		



Would you like to be paid to go to school? It is possible! Complete your FAFSA online with help from Cogdell Learning Center or do it own your own. There is money to go to school, and you do not have to pay it back!

Task	Financial Aid Department Employee Signature	Date
Provide evidence that you have <b>completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</b> . Please attach evidence OR get a Midland College Financial Aid Department employee to sign.		



Would you like to have your own personal Academic Advisor at Midland College and be able to register for classes before registration is open to the public? Student Support Services (SSS) is a **great** program that is specifically designed to walk you through the college experience. Apply now because space is limited!

Task	SSS Department Employee Signature	Date
Provide evidence that you have <b>applied for the SSS program</b> at Midland College (686-4286 for information). Please have an SSS employee sign to verify that you have <b>completed an application</b> for SSS. This individual is: ____ eligible ____ not eligible ____ already an active participant		



Have you taken the **THEA** exam or are you exempt? If you want to earn a degree, this is a **REQUIRED** college entrance exam. To register for the THEA exam go by the Midland College Testing Center (685-4504 for information) and register. There is a \$29 fee for this exam.

Task	Testing Center Employee Signature	Date
Provide evidence that you took the <b>THEA assessment or that you are exempt</b> . Please attach copy of THEA scores. Date THEA taken _____ Student is EXEMPT _____ Reason EXEMPT _____ _____		

**1) Short Responses:**

In order that the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship Committee may better assess your qualifications for the scholarship, please respond to the following (if necessary, please attach an additional sheet of paper).

**In what programs or services have you participated at the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center at 201 W. Florida? (e.g., GED, English classes, computer lab/classes, FAFSA assistance, college planning, etc.)**

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**List any community, volunteer, or extra-curricular activities you have participated in during the past 2-3 years.**

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**List any honors, awards or recognition you have received.**

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**2) Essay:**

Please attach a brief essay, typed and 1-2 pages in length, (if you need computer access, Cogdell Learning Center now has a computer lab that you may use) explaining why you feel the scholarship committee should select your application. Please include the following information:

- 1) Explain why you want to go to college and what your educational and career goals are.
- 2) List your family and employment responsibilities and how college will fit in with them.
- 3) Tell why you are a good candidate for the scholarship (you may want to provide details about your academic ability, perseverance, dependability, interest in learning, personal goals, financial need, etc.)

**3) Letter of Recommendation:**

Please ask someone you know (not a relative) to write a letter of recommendation for this scholarship application. Midland College employees who work at the Cogdell Learning Center (with the exception of the Director) are eligible to write letters of recommendation. Ideally, this person has known you as a student, employee, or volunteer and can identify the qualities and traits that make you a good candidate for this scholarship. **It is in your best interest if you do not wait until the last minute to request this letter.**

**\*\*\*\*\*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 committee has my permission to verify any and all information. I also agree to release copies of my tax return or any other information to the committee upon request. I understand that any fraud will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Furthermore, I understand that I must provide 5 hours of volunteer services to the Cogdell Learning Center for every semester I am awarded this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## About Mr. Bill Pace Cogdell

In 1992, retired Midland businessman Bill P. Cogdell helped fulfill the college's dream of establishing a presence in South Midland by donating buildings on Florida Street to house the new facility. The remodeled buildings are now home to the college's Business and Economic Development Center, English as a Second Language classes, GED classes, a computer lab and Cogdell's Community Liaison who assists students with the financial aid and college planning process.

Born on December 25, 1915 in Abilene, Texas, Bill Cogdell moved to Los Angeles in 1929. He started his business career selling papers on the L. A. streets during the great depression. He joined the CCC when he turned 19, where he worked in the Angeles & Santa Barbara national forests. Later he worked at Midway Island just prior to WWII.

He was transferred to Christmas Island on December 8, 1941, to build an air base and during the assignment took up arms against the Japanese. He eventually returned to the United States and joined the U.S. Navy. He sailed with the 5th Fleet as an Electricians Mate 1st Class and participated in the battle of Iwo Jima. During WWII he served on the USS Iowa, the USS Canberra, (which was later torpedoed off Formosa), and the USS Vicksburg. Mr. Cogdell was Honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy in September 1945.

Mr. Cogdell's experiences in the Navy convinced him that he would prefer to be self-employed. So he entered the construction business in California. In 1969, he returned to Texas and purchased a house in Midland where he resided until his death in 1997. In 1976 he bought an office complex where he operated a finance company for several years. The office complex is now known as the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center.

Mr. Cogdell continued to be an important contributor to Midland College and the Midland community. Since the initial donation, which established a Midland College presence in south Midland, Mr. Cogdell continued to donate properties and funds to Midland College, the Midland Police Department, and the archives of the City of Midland.