BILL PACE COGDELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship pays for tuition, fees, and books for students at Midland College during the fall and spring semesters. This scholarship continues as long as the student is enrolled and meets scholarship guidelines. If the student transfers to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin immediately after attending Midland College, it can pay for tuition, fees, and books there.

To be eligible for this scholarship, individuals must:

1) Be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident
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 Associate Director of the Cogdell Learning Center beforehand

Scholarship Selection Committee considers each applicant’s:
- Educational and personal history/Education and career goals/likelihood to persist and succeed in college
- Parents’ level of education (extra points awarded to first-generation-to-college applicants)
- Past/Current involvement with Cogdell Learning Center’s services/resources (extra points awarded for this)
- Steps taken to plan college attendance
- Demonstrated financial need

Please note: If awarded the scholarship, students must provide 20 hours of volunteer service to the Cogdell Learning Center (or another approved site) for each year they are awarded this scholarship.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Gonzales at mgonzales@midland.edu, 685-6023 or stop by the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida, Midland, TX 79701.

Submit applications in person or mail to: 201 W. Florida, Midland, TX 79701.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(Please print neatly)

Name ___________________________________________________    S.S.# ______-______-______ Gender:     M       F
Address _________________________________________________________City______________________State_______Zip___________
E-mail Address (required) _____________________________________________________________________________________________
Cell phone (___)_______________________    Home (___)________________________    Work (___)________________________
Date of Birth_______________ Marital Status________________________ Are you a U.S. Citizen or legal resident?  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 selected college major or career objective? _______________________________________________________________________
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.
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Preparing to Start College

In order for your application to be considered, you must complete each task listed and provide appropriate documentation or evidence. The Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship Committee recognizes that taking the necessary steps to prepare for college is a major indicator of future success.

1. Midland College admission and bacterial meningitis vaccine (if applicable)

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<td>Provide evidence that you have taken the bacterial meningitis vaccine (if applicable). Please attach evidence OR get a MC Admissions Department employee to sign.</td>
<td>*Student is exempt from or has met bacterial meningitis vaccine requirement: Signed: __________________________</td>
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2. Complete your FAFSA online with help from Cogdell Learning Center or do it on your own- www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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<td>Provide evidence that you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).</td>
<td>Please attach printed copy of your FAFSA page indicating your EFC (estimated family contribution)</td>
<td>Date FAFSA submitted: ______</td>
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3. Take the TSI exam. This is REQUIRED for the Cogdell Scholarship. To register for the TSI exam go by the Midland College Testing Center (685-4504 for information) and register. There is a $29 fee for this exam. Students who are exempt must take the free Math Placement test.

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<td>Provide evidence that you took the TSI assessment or that you are exempt.</td>
<td>Please attach copy of TSI scores from the testing center.</td>
<td>Date TSI taken: __________</td>
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4. Fill out a General Scholarship Application on the Midland College website. Speak to the Financial Aid Office to assure there are no verification issues with your FAFSA or General Scholarship Application.

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<td>Provide evidence that you have spoken to the financial aid office and have no holds or verification issues.</td>
<td>Does the student have any verification holds? Signed: __________________________</td>
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To Complete This Application, you must submit the following:

1) Application Form (pages 2-5 of this document; be sure to sign page 5)
2) 1-2 page essay (see instructions on page 5)
3) 1 recommendation letter from a non-relative (see page 5)
4) Copy of High School transcript, GED Test Scores or a transcript showing any college-level work
5) TSI scores (or proof of exemption and math placement scores)
6) Proof of FAFSA (Copy of entire FAFSA submitted, including the EFC page – we do not need your tax returns or your parents')
7) Proof of Financial Aid verification.
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).

Have you participated in any programs or services through the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center at 201 W. Florida? (Please specify; for example, GED, English classes, computer lab/classes, college-readiness classes, FAFSA assistance, Bridge Academy, college planning, career cruising/career advising, 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 1-2 page typed essay in which you answer the following questions:

1) Why do you want to go to college? What are your educational and career goals?
2) What are your family and employment responsibilities? How will you fit college in with your other responsibilities?
3) Why are you a good candidate for the scholarship? (Please provide details about your academic ability, perseverance, dependability, interest in learning, personal goals, financial need, etc.)

Note: If you need access to a computer or printer, you may use the computer lab at the Cogdell Learning Center

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 Associate Director and Community Liaison) 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. 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 20 hours of volunteer service to the Cogdell Learning Center for every year I am awarded this scholarship.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

Student Name__________________________________________
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.