The Bill Pace Cogdell scholarship (BPCS) pays for in-state tuition, fees, and books for students at Midland College during the fall and spring semesters. The scholarship can continue until the awardee graduates with a certificate, associate’s degree, and/or bachelor’s degree. The 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 (UTPB) immediately after attending Midland College, he/she will be eligible to continue receiving the BPCS.

To be Eligible, You Must:
1. Participate in Cogdell Learning Center services or resources prior to applying. This could be participating in GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), or other classes. It could also be Apply Texas, FAFSA/TASFA or other college services. It could also be attending Cogdell workshops or participating in services provided by the Business and Economic Development Center.
2. Need financial assistance to begin or continue your education. Financial need is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
3. Complete an application and provide all information requested
4. Attend, or plan to attend, Midland College
5. Be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in at least 6 hours or more of college coursework (developmental and/or credit-bearing)

Applicant Preferences:
1. Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate
2. If applicant is currently attending Midland College, student must:
   a. be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.
   b. not have more than 93 hours attempted at Midland College
   c. not be on federal financial aid suspension from Midland College.

Scholarship Selection Committee Considers Each Applicant’s:
1. Personal history, career goals, and likelihood to persist and succeed in college
2. Parents’ level of education
3. Steps taken to plan college attendance
4. Financial need

If you have questions, please contact Josie Samaguey at jsamaguey@midland.edu or (432)686-4903. Submit application and all supporting documents directly to the Cogdell Learning Center at 201 W. Florida Ave., Midland, TX 79701. There is a locked box on the west side of the building for drop offs. Deadline to submit application is Thursday July 1, 2021 by 5:30 p.m.
Name: __________________________________________   MC ID# ________________________   Gender:     M       F
Address: ________________________________________City______________________State_______Zip___________
E-mail Address (required): ___________________________________________________________________________
Cell phone: (____)______________________ Home (____)____________________ Work(____)____________________
Date of Birth: ____________________________    Marital Status: _____________________________________
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 ____   Certificate or Associates ____   Bachelors or Above ____
Your Mother’s Highest Educational Achievement:
Grade School _____   High School ____   Certificate or Associates ____   Bachelors or Above ____
Date of your high school graduation or GED completion____________________________________________
Level of education you intend to complete:   Certificate ___   Associates ___   Bachelors 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 per week you plan to work.
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To Complete This Application, you must submit the following:

1. Application Form: pages 2-4 of this document; be sure to sign page 4
2. 1-2 page essay: see instructions on page 4
3. 2 letters of recommendation from a non-relative: see page 4
4. Official Transcript
5. Proof that the FAFSA, or TASFA, was completed:
   a) for FAFSA, copy of first 2 pages of Student Aid Report (obtained after you complete FAFSA)
   b) for TASFA – provide copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript. This can be obtained online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-829-1040 or try the local IRS Office by calling (432) 686-9977.

6. 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, workshops, or services through the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center at 201 W. Florida? (Please specify; for example, GED, ESL classes, computer lab, classes, FAFSA assistance, college planning, career guidance, workshops, etc.)

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   List any community, volunteer, or extra-curricular activities you have participated in during the past 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 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.)

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 are eligible to write letters of recommendation, except the Outreach & Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship Coordinator and Director of Community Services. 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.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ________________