



Uniting the Caribbean Diaspora of Texas

## **2018 Scholarship Application**

The Caribbean Association of Texas (CAT) focuses on empowering and uniting Caribbean students pursuing undergraduate studies. As a result, CAT is awarding two \$500 scholarship to **full-time undergraduate students of Caribbean heritage, who are domiciled in Texas**, and currently enrolled at an accredited University or College and pursuing a course of study in any discipline.

Students must be born in the Caribbean or be a direct descendant of a Caribbean national and must be taking a minimum of 12 credit hours in the Fall 2018 semester. They must have successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework, while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **Applications must include the following:**

1. An essay addressing one of the topics outlined below. The essay must be between 450 to 500 words maximum.
2. Two (2) recommendations as defined in Section V of the application.
3. Copy of an On-Line Student Transcript showing GPA & total hours completed.
4. Proof of Texas residency (such as a valid photo ID).
5. A recent resume highlighting the student's accomplishments in school and also in their personal, work, and volunteering life.

**The Walker Family Scholarship- \$500.**

**The Caribbean Association of Texas Scholarship- \$500.**

### **Essay topics:**

Choose from one of the following:

1. How has your education impacted your personal growth as a member of the Caribbean community?
2. How do you plan to use your chosen career to give back to the Caribbean community in Texas or in a Caribbean country?

## **Assessment and Selection Process:**

Members of the Caribbean Association of Texas Education Committee will review all applications received. Students are expected to follow the topic and paint a continuous picture through well-written text. In all sentences, subject/verb must agree, and paragraphs need to link with the main idea as a thought for reading continuation and flow. Voice, punctuation, and sentence coordination will be evaluated. Please no jargon, slangs nor outright euphemisms. Use appropriate writing style as suggested, grammar, usage and mechanics. Where applicable, applicants must present a works cited page following MLA guidelines. The Education Committee's decisions will be final.

The winners will be asked to attend the monthly meeting in December to be recognized. The winners will also be required to support the "CAT YOUTH PROGRAM" for a period of one year.

### ***Application Deadline: November 30, 2018***

- See below for application.
- Applications are also available online at [www.catexas.com](http://www.catexas.com)
- Return completed application to:
  - Caribbean Association of Texas  
3024 Riverwood Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
Or email with required documentation to [admin@catexas.com](mailto:admin@catexas.com)
- If you have any questions, please call 866-626-1763.

**Scoring:** The essay will be evaluated based upon content, originality, and overall impression which is worth 80% of the total score value. The school and community recommendations are worth 20%.

Checks will be payable directly to the school that the student attends.

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**Instructions:** Please supply all the information requested below by typing your responses in the spaces below.

Apply by mail: Enclose completed application with required documentation and mail to Caribbean Association of Texas, 3024 Riverwood Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Apply by email: Save and attach application along with required documentation to [admin@catexas.com](mailto:admin@catexas.com)

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth &/ Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

College Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Field of Study/Chosen Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships You Have Applied For and/or received: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Texas students who are attending schools outside of Texas must provide proof of residency in Texas.**

**III. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

List most notable community activities and school related extra-curricular activities or recognitions/honors received during high school and college.

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Activities Level of Involvement (i.e., Officer, member, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. WORK EXPERIENCE:**

List and describe work/volunteer experience for past two (2) years only.

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ # Hrs./Week: \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. RECOMMENDATIONS:** (Include one recommendation from A **and** one from B)

A. Letter From One of the Following:

1. Teacher/Professor
2. Employer
3. Counselor or School Administrator

B. Letter from one of the Following:

1. Church Official
2. Community Leader
3. Volunteer Program Coordinator

**VI. STUDENT ESSAY:**

- Length: 450 – 500 words; approximately 3 typed pages
- Format: Standard (8 ½ x 11)
- Double spaced with 1" top, bottom, and side margins.
- Please include header with your name and college in the top right margin on all pages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ORDER OF APPLICATION PACKET:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from categories listed above.
3. Typed essay.
4. Copy of On-Line Student Transcript showing GPA & total hours completed.
5. Proof of Texas residency if applicable.
6. Turn in completed packet by **November 30, 2018**