**2023**

**STASMO Scholarship Program**

**Deadline is May 31st**

* **Purpose:** To support higher education academic endeavors of school district maintenance and custodial employees and or their children enrolled in or attending an accredited institution of higher education.
* **Scholarship Amount:** $1,000 per academic year *(subject to availability of funds).* Funds must be used for related academic costs. Each year a minimum of 7 recipients are awarded.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Be an employee **or** an immediate family member (son, daughter) of a school district employee working in the **Maintenance or Custodial** department (AC tech, carpenter, electrician, custodial, etc.). Only school districts in the **Region One** **ESC** area are eligible.
2. Have completed an application for financial aid.
3. Be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher education at least ¾ time **or** a Trade certification program.
4. If you are already enrolled in a program referred to in #3 above, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and demonstrate satisfactory progress.

**Required Documents:** Students are required to submit the following documents listed below as a packet *(in the order indicated)*. Packets must be submitted not later than **May 31st** . Your documents should be **emailed** *(preferred)*to stasmo\_2006@outlook.com. Confirm the receipt of your application by emailing Rolando Borrayo at the STASMO email address above.

Please submit the following five items via email (preferred) in the order presented:

1. **Brief Essay**, 300-400 words, use **Calibri** or **Times Roman**, **size 12** font. Remember to put your name, email address and phone number on the essay – talk about the following in your essay:
	* 1. 1st paragraph: Brief description of who you are ***and*** who your parent is that makes you eligible for the scholarship, (see criteria in number 1 of “Eligibility Criteria” above). Be **specific** about where your parent works and include their name.

* + 1. 2nd paragraph: Where you plan to attend school and the major or Trade Program you plan to follow ***and*** why you chose that program and the school.
		2. 3rd paragraph: Describe any extracurricular activities you are involved with; campus, community service and any work history.
		3. 4th paragraph: Describe if there any special circumstances, including family commitments.
1. **Two letters** of recommendation, (signed) from significant adults in your life.
2. Copy of your **Letter of acceptance** to the program or the institution of higher education.
3. Copy of **latest transcript** (high school transcript for entering freshmen). It does **not** have to be a certified transcript.
4. **Proof** that you have completed the **FAFSA** Financial Aid form.

\*It will expedite processing if you **scan** these documents as **one** file (in order) instead of separate documents.

**\*Remember to include your contact information -** full name, mailing address, email and phone number in your essay letter.

**Awards.** We typically award **7 scholarships** a year. Selected recipients will be **notified** via email by the end of the first week of June and awarded a check for $ $1,000 for the academic year. You and your parent(s) will also be invited to join us for lunch at our **Summer Conference** at South Padre Island Convention Center on **July 19, 2023,** to recognize you in front of our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rolando Borrayo, STASMO President at (956) 832-2085, Martin Castaneda, Vice-President at 956.310.8703 or email, stasmo\_2006@outlook.com

