**2017-18 Scholarship Program**

**Deadline is April 30th**

3/28/18/18

* **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:** $ 800- 1,000 per academic year *(subject to availability of funds).* Funds must be used for related academic costs. Each year 5-7 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 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 sequence indicated). Packets must be submitted not later than **April 30th** to be considered for the 2017-18 academic year. Your documents can be **faxed** to **1-866-295-5082** or **emailed (preferred)** to stasmo2006@outlook.com. Confirm the receipt of your application by emailing Dan Cantu at the STASMO email address above. Please submit the following items:

1. Brief Essay, 300-400 words, use **Calibri** or **Times Roman**, **size 12** font - include the following information:
	* 1. 1st paragraph: Brief description of who you are, how you meet the eligibility criteria in number 1 of “Eligibility Criteria”.

* + 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 or school.
		2. 3rd paragraph: Describe any extracurricular activities you are involved with; campus, community service and any work history.
		3. 4th paragraph: Describe how this award will help you achieve your goals and 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 all of these documents as **one** file instead of separate documents.

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

**Awards.** Selected recipients will be notified via email by Jun 1st and awarded a check for $800- $1,000 for the academic year. The ***check,*** in your name will be ***mailed to the address*** in your essay.

**Number of Awards.** Subject to availability of funds but typically we have awarded 5-7 scholarships a 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 26, 2017** to recognize you in front of our members.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dan Cantu, STASMO President at (956) 832-2412 or email, stasmo2006@outlook.com

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