



January 25, 2017

High School Seniors  
Class of 2017  
Huntsville & New Waverly, TX

Dear Applicant:

It is with great pride that the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce presents the Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship to a deserving Class of 2017 graduate to attend Sam Houston State University. We believe that Sam Houston State University is an excellent choice for higher education. Many members of our board and staff are Bearkats; I am proud to be one.

Attached is the Scholarship Application which is due back to your high school counselor's office no later than April 7, 2017. This scholarship of \$1,500 (split between two semesters) is designed to help underwrite tuition and fees. These funds were raised by members of the local Chamber of Commerce at our Annual Meeting/Gala Auction under the leadership of 2016 Chairman of the Board, Bart Davis of Davis Construction Management.

At the back of this application you will find a check list with the requirements necessary to apply. We ask that you hold ranking in the top 25% of your class and that you provide all of the necessary documentation. Please read this information very carefully.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I'd like to extend our CONGRATULATIONS on a successful completion of your high school education. We wish you the very best of everything in the years to come.

Thank you for your interest in this scholarship - and good luck! Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Smith  
President

**Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship Application  
awarded by the  
Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce**

*Please attach a recent picture of yourself in the box to the left. Also please read and sign the statement below.*

*I give the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber Commerce permission to use my picture and name in any publication concerning this scholarship, if I am selected.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED)

CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students

MAJOR (IF DECIDED): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Two confidential letters of recommendation** must be included with this application (Teacher, Pastor, Counselor, Employer, Family Friend, etc.). The letters should be placed in sealed envelopes with student's name on the outside of the envelope. No recommendations from family members.

**ACTIVITIES, HONORS, POSITIONS & TITLES:**

COMMUNITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY PRE-COLLEGE COURSES YOU HAVE TAKEN. TELL US WHEN AND WHERE YOU TOOK THE CLASS/CLASSES.

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**REASON FOR ATTENDING SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY:**

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**WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO DO UPON GRADUATION FROM SHSU?**

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**ESSAY:**

Each applicant must submit an essay (maximum of two pages - typed & double spaced) explaining why you should receive the Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship. A need for this assistance should be identified.

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**APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

*Required to apply*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Recent picture attached
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Statement signed
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Official transcript
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (Letters in sealed envelopes with students name on the outside)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Essay (max of two pages)

Please return the completed application and all other required materials by April 7, 2015 to your Senior Counselor or directly to the Chamber of Commerce.

Recipients of the Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship must be officially enrolled in Sam Houston State University for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are selected for this scholarship, you must furnish the Chamber of Commerce a copy of your S.H.S.U. acceptance letter and financial information for payment disbursement which will be sent directly to the bursar's office. Fall semester grades must be submitted before scholarship funds for the spring semester will be released. Half of the scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester and half for the spring semester (after the receipt of fall grades). Failure to meet the enrollment criteria will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

\*\*\*I certify that the information provided in this application is complete. Any false statements will result in immediate disqualification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*Office Use Only\*\*\*\*\*

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_