



KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Graduating Senior and Student:

Each year, the Killeen Independent School District Board of Trustees awards four scholarships to deserving seniors through funds established by the wills of Maude Moore Wood, Parrie Haynes, Ira Cross, Jr., and Franklin and Emily E. Pratt.

On behalf of the KISD Board of Trustees, I encourage careful review of the below information regarding the scholarships. Following review of the criteria for each scholarship, I hope thoughtful consideration will be given to applying.

<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Number Available</u>	<u>Amount per Scholarship</u>
Maude Moore Wood	3	\$4,000 each
Parrie Haynes	2	\$2,500 each
Junior Cross	11	\$4,000 each
Franklin and Emily Pratt	2	\$2,500 each

Listed below is key information that may be helpful in determining qualification for any of these scholarship opportunities. Specifying a particular scholarship on the application is not necessary. One application form will be used and considered for all four scholarships.

Maude Moore Wood - This scholarship, provided through the estate of Maude Moore Wood, provides financial assistance for post-secondary education to “underprivileged children” (language in the will). The KISD Board will consider various factors in determining students in need. Recipients of the scholarship shall be selected from the graduating classes of the current year from Killeen, Ellison, Harker Heights, and Shoemaker high schools. Recipients must attend a public or private, two-year or four-year institution of higher education or a career or vocational training program which has a program of at least two years.

Parrie Haynes - This scholarship, provided through the estate of Parrie Haynes, provides financial assistance for KISD graduates attending (a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) a “four-year, state controlled college or university in Texas.” Traditionally, these scholarships are awarded to students with very high academic standing. Recipients of the scholarship shall be selected from the graduating classes of the current year from Killeen, Ellison, Harker Heights, and Shoemaker high schools.

Junior Cross - This scholarship, provided through the estate of Ira E. Cross, Jr., provides financial assistance for post-secondary education (a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) to “underprivileged children.” The KISD Board will consider various factors in determining students in need. Recipients of the scholarship shall be selected from the graduating classes of the current year from Killeen, Ellison, Harker Heights, and Shoemaker high schools. When applicable, at least one of these scholarships shall be awarded to a student who has taken high school agriculture courses and/or been active in the 4-H programs. Students interested in this scholarship should specify any courses taken in agriculture in the high school years or identify activities in the 4-H program.

Franklin and Emily E. Pratt - This scholarship, provided through the estate of Franklin and Emily E. Pratt, provides assistance to students with significant financial need who wish to pursue their studies (a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) in the academic department of any accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher education including accredited career/vocational schools approved by the selection committee. Recipients of the scholarship shall be selected from the graduating classes of the current year from Killeen, Ellison, Harker Heights, and Shoemaker high schools.

A scholarship application may be requested from the counselors at Killeen, Ellison, Harker Heights, and Shoemaker High Schools. A scholarship application may also be downloaded at: <https://www.killeenisd.org/frontPageV3/board.cfm>. To download an application click “Scholarships” under Board Links. Completed applications, along with a 200-word essay entitled: “Why I am applying for this scholarship,” and income verification must be submitted to the school counselors’ office. **The deadline for submission of an application is Tuesday, March 27, 2018.**

Each high school campus has established a screening process to identify six students who will advance to the interview phase of the selection process. Interviews for the Maude Moore Wood, Parrie Haynes, Ira Cross, Jr., and Franklin & Emily E. Pratt scholarships will be conducted on **Friday, May 18, 2018** by the KISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and members of the Superintendents’ staff. Recipients will be selected from among those students interviewed.

Other scholarship and grant programs are available to graduating seniors at their individual campuses. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the scholarships in this letter or other scholarship opportunities, please contact the appropriate high school counselor.

Respectfully,



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