



Heart of Texas CPSO Scholarship Guidelines: 2016 - 2017

Heart of Texas Region Creative Problem Solving Organization offers scholarships ranging from \$250-\$500 to graduating seniors who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university or technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following applicant's high school graduation. The total number and value of the scholarships will be determined by the scholarship committee once all applications have been received.

Through our scholarship program, Heart of Texas Region CPSO works to support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education. In evaluating each application, the scholarship committee will also consider participation in creative problem solving programs, service and participation in school activities, community involvement, and scholastic merit.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must meet ALL the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior currently residing in, or enrolled in an educational institution in the Heart of Texas Region CPSO geographical region.
- Applicant must have participated for a minimum of three (3) years in a creative problem solving program with at least one (1) year in Destination Imagination. At least one (1) year of participation must have been at the high school level.
- Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university or technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- A completed application with ALL required documents must be **mailed to Heart of Texas Region CPSO, P.O. Box 956, Round Rock, Texas 78680, and must be postmarked by January 27 and received by January 31, 2017.**

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

All documents listed below are required and must be submitted via mail to the address listed above in order for the application to be considered:

- Resume listing school activities, community involvement, work experience, special recognitions and awards the applicant received in high school.
- Creative Problem Solving Participation Resume: Please include: year, program (Destination Imagination, or other), event, challenge name if applicable, placement/ advancement if applicable, and special awards received if applicable. Be sure to include creative problem solving volunteering such as at training workshops, as an assistant Team Manager, or as a Tournament Volunteer or Appraiser, etc.).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a current or former coach, teacher, community leader, church leader, employer or family friend.
- Copy of high school transcript.



- A creative personal reflection highlighting how the skills gained through participation in Destination Imagination has helped you in a personal or school project/activity. If in print, please limit your personal reflection to two pages, single sided. If audio/visual, please limit it to 8 minutes maximum length and must be provided on a CD (please specify the program used to produce it).

SELECTION AND DISBURSEMENT

Selection is made by the Scholarship Committee, composed of three (3) to five (5) Heart of Texas Region CPSO Board Members who cannot be parents of seniors applying for a Heart of Texas Region CPSO scholarship.

The applicants' names and any identifying information will be redacted from the application and all supporting materials where possible, and each application will be assigned a number before being distributed to the Scholarship Committee for consideration. All information disclosed on the Scholarship Application is confidential and will be used only by the Scholarship Committee for purposes of rating applications.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the Heart of Texas Region Regional Tournament Awards Ceremony at Eastview High School on February 18, 2017..

Applicants chosen to receive a Heart of Texas Region CPSO Scholarship must submit a claim form, and an acceptance letter from the educational institution to Heart of Texas Region CPSO, P.O. Box 956, Round Rock, Texas, 78680 by December 31, 2017. The funds shall be paid to the educational institution. Failure to meet the above deadline may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

We encourage you to consider applying for scholarships awarded by Texas Creative Problem Solving Organization found at <http://texasdi.org/scholarships> and also DISC, the Destination Imagination Support Committee found at www.idodi.org/disc .

For further information, please contact: Terry Alvarez – Regional Director RD@HeartTX.txd.org.

All entries submitted to Heart of Texas Region CPSO become the property of Heart of Texas Region CPSO and will not be returned.

All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.



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Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Telephone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Post High School Plans: _____

**List any 2-Year Colleges, Technical/Trade Schools, 4-Year Colleges/Universities,
or Other Schools you have applied to:** _____

Have you made a final commitment to attend any of the above?



 Yes No Which One? _____

I have enclosed the following with my application:

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- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a current or former Team Manager, teacher, community leader, church leader, employer or family friend

- Copy of high school transcript

- A creative personal reflection highlighting how the skills gained through participation in Destination Imagination has helped me in a personal or school project/activity. If in print, I have limited my personal reflection to two pages, single sided. If audio/visual, I have limited it to 8 minutes maximum length and have provided it on a CD (and have specified the program used to produce it).

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Signing this document grants permission to the Scholarship Committee Members to receive copies of the materials submitted to review for selection purposes.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Heart of Texas Region CPSO Use:

Application Number: _____

Date Received: _____

Required Documents: _____ Scholarship Application

_____ Resume

_____ Creative Problem Solving Participation_Resume

_____ 2 Letters of Recommendation

_____ High School transcript

_____ Personal Reflection