

QUEST
QUALITY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS
A DEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
STUDENT PLEDGE

WHEREAS, THE DUMAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION (“DEF”) has been provided certain matching funds against community contributions, all of which will be collectively used, administered and managed by DEF in accordance with its governing documents as the “QUEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM” (the “Program”) to provide scholarships to AMARILLO COLLEGE (“AC”) for the benefit of certain qualified students of DUMAS HIGH SCHOOL (“Dumas.”); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Student wishes to be considered for participation in the Program;

NOW , THEREFORE, Student hereby makes the following pledge to himself/herself, to his/her parent(s) /legal guardian, and to the Community:

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. HIGH SCHOOL.

1. I will maintain a 95% attendance record over the four year period from the beginning of the school term during my Freshman year through the last day of the school term of my Senior year except in the event of prolonged illness and/or disability as certified by my attending physician(s) and approved by the QUEST Selection Review Committee (“Committee”).
2. I will maintain a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent, an 80 on a 100-point scale, as determined by the Committee during said four year period (subject to adjustments which may be made by the Committee, in its sole discretion, in the event I am enrolled in either a lower level or honors program).
3. I will abide by all rules and regulations applicable to Dumas students as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.
4. I should earn not less than five (5) units of credit during each school year and will meet the graduation requirements of the Dumas Independent School District (“DISD”).
5. Unless I plan to attend Amarillo College in an Applied Science degree program or certificate program, I will take the Recommended Curriculum or higher.

2. COLLEGE.

1. To be eligible for the QUEST scholarship, I must apply for and complete admission, financial aid, and scholarship assistance at Amarillo College not later than the fall semester immediately following the expiration of one year from the date of my graduation from high school. I understand that my QUEST scholarship will be reduced each semester by financial aid and scholarships received. I understand that each of the first four semesters of my QUEST scholarship will not exceed the net costs at AC.
2. I will register for, pass and complete not less than nine hours each semester, exclusive of summer terms.
3. I will maintain for each semester not less than a 2.0 grade point average.
4. At the end of each semester, I will provide evidence satisfactory to the Committee reflecting credit earned for not less than nine hours and not less than a 2.0 average for all hours cumulatively credited.
5. I will obtain either an associate degree or certificate of completion of an accredited course of study from AC
6. I will abide by all rules and regulations applicable to students of the college.
7. If a student chooses to attend a college other than AC or ACMCC their first semester or year, a transcript that reflects a 2.0 cumulative GPA will be required to allow the student to enter and receive financial aid with the QUEST Scholarship Program.
8. A QUEST eligible student is required to attend and complete the Student Success class by the end of the first year while attending AC or ACMCC. A student may also take the class during the summer that follows graduation if offered.

II TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In addition to the foregoing minimum requirements, I further acknowledge and recognize the following terms and conditions of the Program:

1. The QUEST Selection Review Committee will be comprised of the QUEST Scholarship Coordinator and representatives from DEF, Dumas ISD, and AC. My initial and ongoing eligibility to participate in the Program will be determined by the Committee annually during high school and on a semester-by-semester basis during college, and I hereby authorize such institutions to release my transcripts, attendance and disciplinary records to the Committee. The Committee's decision as to my being initially eligible or ineligible, remaining eligible or becoming subsequently ineligible after receiving funds, shall be absolute and binding. ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT, BROCHURE OR OTHER WRITTEN OR PRINTED MATTER NOW OR HEREAFTER EXISTING CONCERNING THE PROGRAM ARE NON-BINDING GUIDELINES ONLY AND MAY BE MODIFIED OR DEVIATED FROM AT WILL BY THE COMMITTEE. Such guidelines, modifications and amendments thereto and/or deviations therefrom and any and all decisions made by the Committee shall be discretionary and shall NOT be subject to judicial review for the reasons that: (i) any scholarship awarded is a gift for which neither Student nor his parent(s)/guardian have given anything of value or performed or undertaken any enforceable obligation; and (ii) there is NOT, and will never be, a contract between the undersigned and/or his/her parent(s)/legal guardian on the one hand and DEF, DISD, AC, and/or the Committee, jointly or severally, on the other hand, regarding Student's alleged right or entitlement to participate in the Program or receive benefits therefrom.
2. It is the intention, interpretation and acknowledgment of each person signing below and each entity named herein: (i) that NO signing person is a "consumer" and that NO entity named herein is a provider of "goods" and/or "services" as those terms are defined in the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act as same presently exists or may hereafter be amended; and (ii) that no property right(s) are or will be created or conferred hereunder; and (iii) that should any action be brought by or on behalf of any student with regard to the Program, such student will thereby be permanently disqualified.
3. Any disciplinary infraction committed by me on or off-campus at either the high school or college level involving cheating, possession of a prohibited substance or weapon, physical violence, or resulting in my being adjudicated a juvenile delinquent or placed on felony probation or felony deferred adjudication or my expulsion from school, may subject me to disqualification and ineligibility to participate in the Program.
4. QUEST Scholarship Funds will be "last-in" and used only to supplement funds for which I am eligible through other waivers, scholarships and/or grants, private or public (e.g., a Pell grant). The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), DEF, and AC Scholarships are required to be filed by the student and parent to retain QUEST eligibility each year while in college.
5. The Program covers each qualified Student for a cumulative total of sixty six (66) consecutive semester hours. A maximum of eighteen (18) hours per semester will be funded. Exceptions are allowed only on prior approval of the QUEST Selection Review Committee.
6. I must attend Dumas High School from the beginning through the end of all four years. If I withdraw from Dumas High School or transfer to any other high school, I will automatically and permanently lose my eligibility to receive a scholarship through the Program without need for notice to me or review by the Committee.
7. I must re-sign an Agreement, including any modification thereto, on or before the deadline designated by the QUEST Scholarship Coordinator before the beginning of the freshman, junior, and January of the senior year during high school and of every semester during college.

Date _____

DISD Student ID Number _____

Student Signature _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Witness Signature: _____

Review Date: _____

Review Signature: _____