

President of the Republic of the Rio Grande[®] Scholarship

The Webb County Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to historic preservation, heritage education, and heritage tourism, announces an annual scholarship for local students. The President of the Republic of the Rio Grande Scholarship will award \$500.00 for the purpose of assisting a student in pursuit of a college degree. The scholarship is not necessarily restricted to those students interested in pursuing a history degree. The only requirements for application are the following:

The applicant must be a candidate for graduation in May 2017 from a high school located in Webb County.

Along with the scholarship application form, the applicant must provide a one-page typed, double-spaced essay on his/her family history. Family histories may include (**but are not limited to**) the following examples:

- **Descriptions of life in Laredo (or border region) as recounted by a family member;**
- **Memories of a grandparent;**
- **History of a family business;**
- **Descriptions of family traditions or customs**

The applicant must provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or administrator.

No school transcripts are necessary. Please do not send personal resumes. Awards of scholarships are NOT based on financial need.

Deadline for applications is Friday, April 7, 2017 at 5 p.m. **No exceptions will be made to this deadline.** Faxed applications will not be accepted. Applications should be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Webb County Heritage Foundation

P.O. Box 446

500 Flores Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78042-0446

The Webb County Heritage Foundation's Scholarship Committee will judge the applications and select a finalist in mid-April. The Scholarship will be presented at the Founder's Day Celebration on May 20, 2017. The Scholarship winner is required to be present at this event or send a representative to receive the award.

For more information, please call Andrea Ordoñez at the Republic of the Río Grande Museum at 956-727-3480.

