



# Funding Priorities

Inspiring Kids to *Achieve. Excel. Lead.*

## PROJECTS IN EDUCATION (PIE) TEACHER GRANTS

The purpose of the PIE Program is to provide additional funds to enhance the level of education via innovative educational teaching grants. Funding is provided from businesses, individuals and civic organizations interested in funding these grants while also receiving the benefit of tax advantages available through philanthropic giving. The Foundation has awarded over \$3.3 million for innovative teaching grants.

## HELPING STUDENTS GRADUATE

The program was started by two TCISD Class of 1946 alumni, Mr. Bill Beatty and Mr. Derrest Williams who heard many students were not graduating from Texas City High School (TCHS) for lack of either one or two credit hours and were unable to attend summer school due to financial restrictions. The money designated to this fund pay for a student's tuition, books and fees, and other relevant financial assistance.

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

The Dr. Dennis O. Dixon Excellence in Teaching Award was created in 2001 in honor of Dennis O. Dixon, Ph. D., by his brother, Dan R. Dixon, to recognize and reward the heroic commitment and dedication of Texas City Independent School District teaching faculty. The fund was established to reward the Texas City Secondary Teacher of the Year. In 2006, the cash award was added for the Texas City Elementary Teacher of the Year as well. Both beneficiaries of this award receive \$2,000.00 cash with no restrictions. In 2007, a third recognition was created to recognize first year teachers, the "New Teacher of the Year". It awards a \$500 cash bonus and is funded by David Moss/Merrill Lynch.

## HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

The Helping Hands Program was developed by two TCISD teachers, Pam Dowdy and Kitty Simpson. An interest was generated from an overwhelming concern for students who were struggling to meet basic social needs. The program is designed to assist with short-term special needs and longer term basic social needs. At the beginning of each school year, nurses receive an approved amount of funding from the Foundation to purchase items enhancing the personal hygiene of students within our district. The items range from toothbrushes to clothes or other items considered necessary for the students' social well-being.

## PRINCIPAL'S HONORS BREAKFAST

The Principal's Honor Breakfast began in 1996 by new principal, Mr. Bill Doughty, to honor the top 5% of the graduating class. Each student has the opportunity to honor one teacher who has had a significant influence on his or her education and life.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This loyal group of Texas City High School and Central High School grads works to continue the legacy of providing the very best education to students in their hometown. Activities focus on raising funding to support designated programs of the district that takes education to a higher level.

### MIKE SIMPSON “PROJECT LEAD THE WAY”

The Mike Simpson Memorial fund has been designated to support “Project Lead The Way” at Texas City High School. The program targets TCHS students interested in Engineering and advanced math and science. Students enrolled will be provided four years of classroom training in Computer Science & Software Engineering.

### THE CHARLES T. DOYLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (LEADS)

The Charles T. Doyle Leadership Program (LEADS) was the vision of former Texas City mayor Chuck Doyle. In 2004 the program emerged to provide select junior and senior high school students from Texas City and La Marque ISDs a leadership-training opportunity. Since inception of the program, students from Dickinson, Santa Fe, Galveston Ball, Hitchcock and O’Connell High Schools have been included. The main focus of LEADS is to develop future leadership opportunities for the students in conjunction with the local business community. Prominent speakers are brought in at the annual event to mentor juniors and seniors in leadership training.

### LEADS SCHOLARSHIP

This new scholarship was first awarded in 2015 to a top 5% TCHS senior who have demonstrated leadership and community service while attending high school. The selected student receives \$2,000 toward their educational institution and their selected teacher receives a \$500 cash award.

### LEE SCOGGINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2006, Howard Scoggins and his family established a scholarship program to remember his wife Lee, in recognition of her artistic talent and unending wish to encourage and share with others those gifts that enriched and blessed her life. This scholarship recognizes a high school student(s) each year who has demonstrated desire and creative talent in the visual arts and financially needs assistance to pursue his/her interests in this field.

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP

Each year a scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue continuing education in their selected field and needs some additional finance assistance. The program was established by the Business & Professional Women’s Club.

### NOON OPTIMIST CLUB OF TEXAS CITY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated good academics, have a willingness to continue an education with a college, university, technical school or other school deemed appropriate for the student’s continued education, and shows a need for financial assistance. The scholarship fund was established by the Noon Optimist Club of Texas City..

### JIMMY HAYLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will be awarded each year to a Texas City and La Marque High School student who have given actively to community service.

### MEMORIAL FUNDS

Loved ones can be remembered in a special way that supports the enrichment of education for Texas City ISD students. These gifts can be made to honor a special person or remember a loved one for their accomplishments. Memorial funds are currently established in memory of Joe DeCuir, Ann Dube, David Pirtle, and Theodore Waterman III.