



THE HEADLINERS FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2022-23 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(AUSTIN, TX)- The Headliners Foundation of Texas is pleased to announce recipients of more than \$86,800 in scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. The awards go to 19 undergraduate and one graduate student at schools throughout the state showing outstanding potential in journalism. This year, the Foundation introduced two new scholarships: The Ellen and Mark Morrison Scholarship and the George A. McElroy Scholarship.

In addition to strong academic records and writing ability, applicants were expected to have demonstrated their interest in journalism by working on student media or as interns for professional media outlets. The scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$6,000 each. The recipients are:

Sarah and Ernest Butler Scholarship
Jacqueline Knox, **Boerne, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

George Christian Scholarship
Adeline Costello, **Austin, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

Stuart Long Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Journalists
Sarah Hernandez, **San Marcos, TX – Texas State University**

Hope Unger, **Austin, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

Verne Lundquist Scholarship
Drake Toll, **Vilonia, AR – Baylor University**

George A. McElroy Scholarship
Aysia Lane, **Plano, TX – Southern Methodist University**

Ellen and Mark Morrison Scholarship
Megan Tran, **Houston, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

Darrell K. Royal Scholarship
Nathaniel Smith, **Porter, TX – Baylor University**

Jimmy Banks Scholarship and Jack Keever Scholarship
Fiza Kuzhiyil, **Austin, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

Barry Bishop Scholarship
Madelyn Weirich, **San Marcos, TX – Texas State University**

Dolly and Paul Bolton Scholarship
Haeven Gibbons, **Georgetown, TX – Texas Christian University**

John “Brick” Elliott Scholarship
Brian Yancelson, **San Antonio, TX – Trinity University**

Sam Wood Scholarship
Matt Kyle, **Waco, TX – Baylor University**

Wilbur Evans Scholarship
Leila Saidane, **Richardson, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

George Moore Scholarship
Peyton Sims, **Texarkana, TX – The University of Texas at Austin**

Founders Scholarship
George Schroeder, **Fort Worth, TX – Baylor University**

Founders Scholarship
Soksan Teng, **Plano, TX – Southern Methodist University**

Bess Whitehead Scott Scribes Scholarship
Jacqueline Kingston, **Amarillo, TX – West Texas A&M University**

Applications were received from students attending Abilene Christian University, Baylor University, Midwestern State University, Southern Methodist University, Stephen F. Austin University, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, Texas Wesleyan University, Trinity University, University of North Texas, The University of Texas at Austin, and West Texas A&M University.

“Our 2022-23 scholarship recipients are clearly committed to producing work that is innovative, thoughtful, and relevant,” said Patti C. Smith, Chair of the Foundation’s Academic Excellence Committee, and International Media Consultant. “The high quality of the applications and work samples we received this year tells a story in itself,” said Smith. “I have great confidence in the future of Texas journalism.”

Patti Ohlendorf, Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Governors, agrees. “We are so proud of this year’s scholarship recipients,” said Ohlendorf. “The growth of our scholarship program over the past few years reflects our commitment to nurturing young journalists,” she said, “and we are delighted to introduce two new scholarships for the 2022-23 school year.”

Ohlendorf refers to the addition of two named scholarships awarded this year for the first time. The fully endowed **Ellen and Mark Morrison Scholarship** is made possible by a generous grant from longtime Foundation supporters and Headliners Club members Ellen and Mark Morrison. Mr. Morrison served as the Foundation’s Board Chair from 2013-2019. The new **George A. McElroy Scholarship** is named for an award-winning Texas journalist who broke barriers during his 58-year career as a Black man in a predominantly white industry. Mr. McElroy, whose daughter Kathleen O. McElroy serves on the Foundation Board, would have celebrated his 100th birthday this year. Fundraising to fully endow this scholarship is ongoing.



TDLR: Motorists must slow down or move over for tow trucks, emergency vehicles stopped on the roadside

AUSTIN – Drivers traveling for the July Fourth holiday should remember that state law requires them to slow down or move over when tow trucks and other emergency vehicles – police, fire, EMS and highway response trucks – are stopped on the side of the road with their lights activated.

Texas traffic laws require drivers to leave the lane closest to the emergency vehicles stopped on the road (if the road has more than one lane traveling in the same direction) OR to slow down at least 20 miles per hour below the speed limit.

“Please help keep our highway heroes – plus you and your family – safe by obeying traffic laws that require drivers to move over or slow down when emergency vehicles are stopped on the side of the road,” said Mike Arismendez Jr., executive director of the **Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)**. “Let’s all enjoy the holiday weekend and get home safe.”

TDLR regulates the towing industry as well as the Driver Education and Safety program.

Safety tips for driving this weekend:

- Slow down and pay attention to what you’re doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
- Don’t drink and drive, even a little bit.
- Designate a (sober) driver.
- Stay off the mobile phone – this includes texting. Designate a “co-pilot” to oversee the phone while you’re driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Stay weather-aware. We’re not expecting bad weather, but this is Texas and you never know.
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly – the Texas way!

Gay Republican group chair resigns after blasting ‘crazy people’ GOP convention

by Matt Grant | KXAN AUSTIN

AUSTIN (KXAN) - The acting chairman of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas resigned days after telling KXAN the state’s GOP convention was attended by a bunch of “crazy people.” The stinging rebuke of members of his own party came in response to a new state party platform that called homosexuality “an abnormal lifestyle choice.”

“These are just crazy people,” Michael Cargill, who owns an Austin gun store, told KXAN on Sunday. “It’s a small minority of people that are being un-Christian-like and spewing this hateful language.”

In addition to Cargill, LCR Texas Secretary and LCR Austin Vice President David Garza and President of LCR San Antonio Mimi Planas also resigned from the Texas board. The Austin and San Antonio chapters will continue to operate but will not send representatives to the Texas board, Cargill said.

Cargill blamed a “path of divisiveness, lack of respect” along with “bully tactics, lack of cohesion and unwillingness to work with all chapter and state LCR leaders in the organization.”

“I will continue to be President of LCR Austin, where we have a great working relationship with the GOP leadership at the Texas Capitol,” Cargill wrote in his resignation letter. “I will continue to lead the charge for all of our constitutional rights and focus on what is important to our chapter.”

“I see DC and California LCR members inexplicably interceding in Texas affairs and trying to pointlessly bully the Texas GOP, which has done nothing but pushed the black & brown leadership away,” he said in a statement, when asked why he decided to step down. Copyright 2022 Nexstar Media Inc. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.

TEXAS IAF CALLS ON TEXAS SCHOOL BOARDS TO REJECT ALL CHAPTER 313 APPLICATIONS IN THE FAILED PROGRAM’S FINAL PUSH

(TEXAS) - The Network of Texas IAF Organizations (NTO) calls on school districts and superintendents across the state to reject the spate of Chapter 313 applications for corporate tax breaks submitted in the past few months. Chapter 313 was not reauthorized in the 2021 Texas Legislative Session due to opposition by the Texas IAF, allies, and a bipartisan group of legislators. However, the current program does not expire until December of 2022, leading to an alarming number of nearly 400 Chapter 313 tax break applications (and counting) to local school districts just this year. For example, in one week from May 10th to May 17th an astounding number of 49 applications were received, each one a multi-million-dollar application.

“It’s like hogs at the trough,” said Bishop John Ogletree, a leader with The Metropolitan Organization-IAF in Houston. “Multi-billion-dollar oil, gas, and tech corporations asking for school districts and taxpayer dollars to bolster their profits. If these applications get approved, it will blow a hole in our state and school district budgets for a generation to come.”

Chapter 313 allows local school boards to grant 10-year tax abatements to major energy and manufacturing companies. The State makes up for the lost revenue to the school district at a rate of 1 to 2 billion dollars a year, money which could have gone to all school districts. According to Texas IAF analysis, 95% of students are in school districts which lose potential money because of Chapter 313. For example, Houston ISD loses a potential \$28 Million, Dallas ISD \$20 Million, and Austin ISD \$10 Million in potential funding.

“It is shameful to take money from schoolchildren to pad the bottom lines of major corporations,” said Rev. Minerva Camarena-Skeith, of Central Texas Interfaith-IAF. “Multi-billion-dollar corporations like NXP, Applied Materials, Samsung, and Infineon have all sought to skirt their taxes from Central Texas school districts in the past few months. Taxpayers are funding these giveaways at the state and local level in the form of higher taxes.”

In May, the Round Rock ISD school board declined a Chapter 313 application from Toppan Photomasks, and on the same night public opposition by Central Texas Interfaith to NXP’s application to Austin ISD resulted in 3 school board members refusing to support the application. Once a school district accepts an application, it has 150 days to vote again to approve it and grant the tax subsidy. As these potential deals will come to a deciding vote over the next several months, the Texas IAF calls on local school boards and superintendents to reject all Chapter 313 applications submitted.

Gov. Abbott is again adding truck inspections along the border

By Sergio Martínez-Beltrán | The Texas Newsroom

(TEXAS NEWSROOM) - Gov. Greg Abbott announced Wednesday additional inspections of commercial vehicles along the border.

The governor’s proposal came after dozens of people were found dead in a tractor trailer in San Antonio earlier this week. He said inspecting commercial vehicles could help deter drug smuggling and human trafficking.

Abbott said the new state-sponsored inspections of commercial trucks are in response to a lack of strong immigration policy from President Joe Biden.

“In Texas we, once again, are going to try to step up and play a role by the state, to address this catastrophe that president Biden is responsible for,” Abbott said during a press conference Wednesday in Eagle Pass.

The policy is similar to one briefly put in place two months ago that led to hours-long delays at the points of entry.

Critics say it is not effective, and claim the Republican is just scoring political points.

“These migrants were actually being smuggled through an illicit entryway, in a truck,” Aileen Teague, an assistant professor of international affairs at Texas A&M University, said. “So, there’s a lot more complexity here than what the governor would necessarily have us believe in looking at the tweet and kind of oversimplifying the solutions.”

She added checkpoints and over-militarizing the border through the Operation Lone Star initiative is flawed.

“History has shown that an escalation of people on the border — border policing officials and ... drug enforcement agents and cops, don’t necessarily correspond to keeping people out,” Teague said.

Between 1994 and 2000, the U.S. doubled the size of its border patrol, Teague said. At the same time, illegal immigration from Mexico to the United States reached its apex.

But she said pushing that false narrative could help Abbott continue to fire up his political base.

Abbott is running for reelection against Beto O’Rourke. A recent poll by Quinnipiac University has Abbott leading O’Rourke by just five points.