

Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019

Greater Arlington  
Innovation Scholarship  
Application



**\$10,000 Worth of Scholarships to Arlington ISD Students**  
Greater Arlington Chamber Foundation and Arlington Independent School District  
Innovation Scholarships  
*Sponsored by the Pettinger Foundation*

***Two (2) \$5,000 Innovation Scholarships are being offered to 2018-2019  
graduating seniors of the Arlington Independent School District to attend the  
University of Texas at Arlington.***

To be eligible for these scholarships, applicants must be currently enrolled in STEM related Career pathways at one of the six traditional Arlington ISD high schools or the Arlington Collegiate High School at Tarrant County College-Southeast Campus. Students are required to attend the University of Texas at Arlington and must be enrolled in a **Science, Engineering, or Mathematical** four-year degree plan by the academic year 2019-2020.



**Pettinger Foundation Overview**

This scholarship was created in partnership with the Pettinger Foundation. The Pettinger Foundation was founded in 1999 to stimulate creativity and self-confidence in youth at the earliest opportunity in their educational process, to facilitate goal oriented career paths, and ultimately self-sufficiency and happiness throughout life with a long term goal of benefiting society and improve life on earth.

**Scholarship Overview**

To use practical applications of **science, engineering, and/or mathematics** to enrich lives of humanity.

**Scholarship Application Process**

- Students will write an essay using one of the two essay topics provided.
- Ten (10) students with the highest scores will be selected to create an informal video to discuss their idea/invention and showcase any prototypes, models, and or drawings.
- Five (5) student finalist will be selected to interview with Mrs. Hedwig and Mr. Wesley Pettinger.

**Selection Criteria**

Members of the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education Committee and community business leaders will evaluate all completed applications received. The essay will be evaluated based upon knowledge gained, scientific method of engineering goals, creativity, thoroughness, and quality of presentation. Idea/Inventions must be an original idea and not currently marketed, patent pending, and/or posted as an idea on the internet.

Applications are available online at [www.aisd.net/scholarships](http://www.aisd.net/scholarships).

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Instructions: Please supply all the information requested below and submit your completed application and essay to [scholarship@arlingtontx.com](mailto:scholarship@arlingtontx.com). **THE APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

List most notable community activities, school-related extracurricular activities, or recognitions/honors received during grades 9-12, as applicable.

<b>Activities/ Year of Participation</b>	<b>Level of Involvement (i.e., officer, member,</b>

**III. WORK/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

List and describe any work/internship experience(s) during the last two years:

<b>Place(s) of Employment</b>	<b>Job Description</b>



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. FUTURE PLANS**

1. Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. RECOMMENDATIONS: (Include ONE recommendation from EACH of the following categories.)**

**A. Academic Letter of Recommendation:  
(Limit 1 from this category)**

- 1. STEM Teacher or STEM Program Coordinator
- 2. STEM Extracurricular Coordinator/Coach

**B. Personal Letter of Recommendation:  
(Limit 1 from this category)**

- 1. Community Organization Supervisor
- 2. Employer/Supervisor

**VI. ORIGINAL STUDENT ESSAY:**

**Topic:** (Choose from one of the two topics below)

- 1. Create a new product that would advance your chosen industry. Ideas must portray a degree of knowledge and understanding of current products; their use, marketability, and product sustainability, and why your idea/invention would be an advancement to the industry and enrich the lives of humanity.
  
- 2. Create a product to solve a current problem within your chosen industry and explain why it is a necessity for the advancement of the industry. Provide statistical data highlighting the major issue(s) and why your idea/invention is a necessary solution. Ideas must portray a degree of knowledge and understanding of current products; their use, marketability, and product sustainability, and why it advances your industry and enriches the lives of humanity.

**Length:** 400 - 500 words

**Format:** typed, [MLA Format](#), please include your name and school in the top right margin on all essay pages.

**Content:** Ideas/Inventions must be an original idea and not currently marketed, patent pending, and/or posted as an idea/invention on the internet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***ORDER OF APPLICATION***

- 1. Application – typed and printed.
- 2. Essay – typed, 400-500 words, [MLA Format](#)
- 3. Letters of Recommendation – 1 from each category
- 4. Official Transcripts



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## **Innovation Scholarships – Application Package Checklist**

Applicants who do not properly submit all the materials requested by the application deadline will be disqualified. Handwritten applications and/or essays **will not** be accepted.

Please use the checklist below to ensure that all materials are included with your application package due on February 15, 2019. Applications and essays must be submitted electronically to [scholarship@arlingtontx.com](mailto:scholarship@arlingtontx.com).

<b>Application</b> – typed and signed by applicant and parent/guardian	
<b>Academic Letter of Recommendation</b> – 1	
<b>Personal Letter of Recommendation</b> – 1	
<b>Essay</b> – 400-500 words, Typed, <a href="#">MLA Format</a>	
<b>Transcript</b> – Official Transcript	

If there are any questions, please contact Alicia Collins-Butler, Education Program Manager at [acollinsbutler@arlingtontx.com](mailto:acollinsbutler@arlingtontx.com) or by phone at 817-543-4304

