



Foundation Report

Prepared for 4/26/2021 WTC Foundation Board Meeting by Sheila Hale

Foundation Website - Following a deep dive into all scholarship folders and a compilation of historical information, we have begun the process of updating the current website to include criteria and personal information about each scholarship held within the WTC Foundation. If you take a look at the [website](#), you will find that a donor can now click on a scholarship, find awarding criteria, and learn more about who the scholarship was created to memorialize. I feel this is a great way to commemorate the legacy of those who have been entrusted to us!

Scholarships – The electronic format for the Foundation Scholarship Application was by far the best utilized option and well worth the investment! The cost of investment for 1 year of the JotForm program was \$174 with the nonprofit discount and averages to a little over \$3 per application accepted through the system. 55 applications were received through JotForm this year compared to 7 for the 2021-22 cycle and 15 for the 2020-21 cycle.

The WTC Foundation Scholarship program received 82 scholarship applications, with 81 submitted to the scholarship committee. One application was received but was missing the 500 word essay. The student was contacted and did not respond with materials as requested..

The 2022-23 scholarship committee is composed of:

- Dr. Beebe, WTC President
- Eddie Peterson, Board of Trustees President
- Ralph Ramon, Dean of Student Services
- Tevian Sides, Director of Financial Aid
- Isrell Lawson, College Relations Coordinator
- and Donna Robinson, Service Center Supervisor

Of the 81 scholarships presented to the scholarship committee for consideration, 21 are not involved in athletics, 29 are involved in athletics, and 31 are athletes receiving scholarships.

65 of the applicants are attending Western Texas College for an academic basic education pathway whereas 9 are attending for a Career and Technical Education program; 2 are attending for the Farm and Ranch Management program, 3 are attending for the Lineman Certificate Program, and 4 are attending for the Welding program. 7 of the applicants stated that they are undecided on a major with all of those students, except 1, being involved in athletics.

The Scholarship Committee is hard at work determining the percentage by which to award in order to support students at Western Texas College. I owe a debt of gratitude to each Scholarship Committee member for their participation in the awarding process this year. I am beyond thankful for their help in ensuring that we have done our due diligence by our donors.



Inspire Program – An INSPIRE Grant Update has been presented by Britt Canada

INSPIRE GRANT UPDATE

In April 2021, the WTC LRC/Library and Marketing Department received an Inspire grant. The purpose of this project is to create a digital, online database of materials from the WTC archives that can be electronically accessed. A report of the progress on this project follows:

The first step was to contact professionals and identify the specific resources needed to efficiently accomplish the goals of the project. As a result, we determined that a Fujitsu ScanSnap SV600 Scanner would be needed. In our proposal, we estimated the cost of a flatbed scanner to be \$2000. We were able to purchase this scanner for \$600. We immediately put it to work and were able to scan WTC catalogs from 1971 through 2012. (Catalogs after 2012 were already available in electronic format.) Using the scanner, it took about 15 minutes to scan each catalog. Thus, the LRC contributed about 10 hours towards this effort. This was a significant accomplishment because WTC is required to have its catalogs available to the public. This is a requirement of WTC's accreditation agency (SACSCOC) as stated in Standard 10.3 which says "The institution ensures the availability of archived official catalogs..." The archived catalogs can be found

at: <https://www.wtc.edu/Information/publications/archivedcatalogs.html>

The next step was to verify that larger documents could be scanned. We have demonstrated that larger documents can be scanned and archived. The LRC has copies of WTC newspapers and other materials from previous years. These can be scanned and software can be used to search the documents. The challenge at this time is finding the time. The LRC, under the leadership of Mr. Fancher, is conducting an extensive weeding of the collection. To the best of our knowledge, weeding of the collection has not occurred in the past 25 years. Weeding is a standard procedure that should occur continually. The library staff is currently focused on the weeding project.

So, we have many of the parts in place and have made progress on this project, it is just taking longer to complete than we initially anticipated.

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