



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**TOPIC:** STARS Scholarship Fund Partnership and UISD New Partners for Scholars Lottery System

**SUBMITTED BY:** Emma Leza for Melissa C. Ramirez, Director of Guidance and Counseling

**OF:** Curriculum & Instruction Department

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** February 19, 2020

## INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

United ISD and South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS) Scholarship Fund will partner to award 50 Class of 2020 graduates \$2,000 scholarships, with \$1,000 from UISD's Partners for Scholars and \$1,000 (matching funds) from STARS Scholarship Fund.

Remaining balance in the United ISD Partners for Scholars Fund will be distributed based on each high schools allotment via a new lottery system.

# STARS SCHOLARSHIP & UNITED ISD PARTNERS for SCHOLARSHIPS

Instructional Committee  
February 11, 2020

Melissa Ramirez  
Guidance and Counseling



# 1. Scholarship Funds

**STARS Scholarship Fund will partner with United ISD to match our \$1,000 award thus granting \$2,000 to selected students. STARS will match up to \$50,000.00 making the total award \$100,000.00**

**Additional UISD Partners for Scholars Awards will remain at \$1,000.00 and a new lottery system will be used to determine recipients for Partners for Scholars.**



## 2. STARS Eligibility Criteria

Student applications will be evaluated by personnel from the STARS Scholarship Fund and select from applicants who:

- Have earned/completed 12 undergraduate college hours and/or AP course credits;
- Have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 Scale;
- Completed a High School Diploma prior to the Fall of 2020;
- Are U.S. Citizens or have Legal Permanent Residency; and
- Are enrolled in a U.S. accredited 2 yr. degree program or 4 yr. university undergraduate program



**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 31, 2020**

# 3. Tracking of Applicants



## Communication

Counselors will inform students about the application process and deadline of March 31, 2020.

## Track

STARS will track applicants and evaluate all applications.

## Assist

UISD HS Counselors will assist students in completion of STARS application.

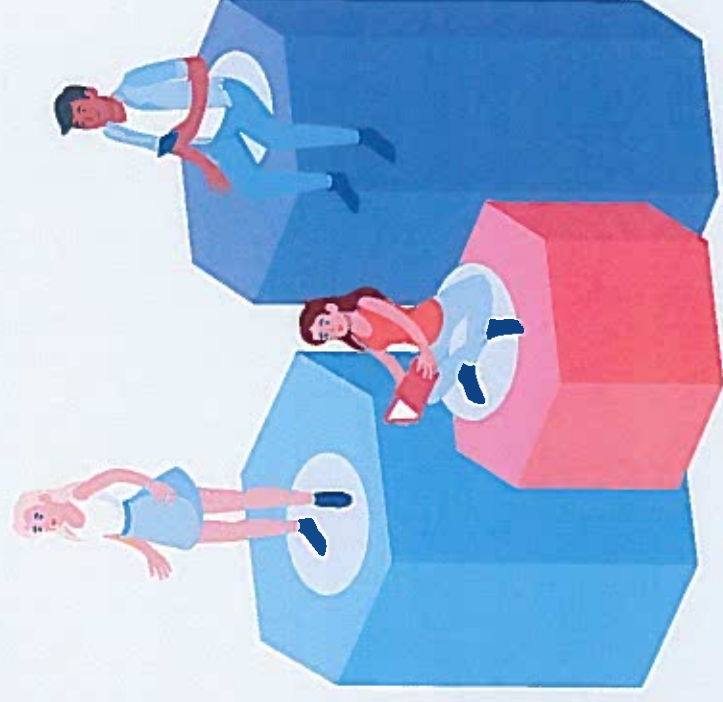
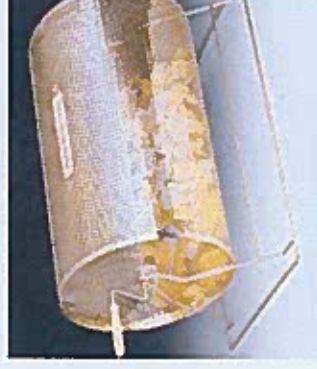
**UISD will be notified by April 17, 2020 who was selected for this matching scholarship, there will be a minimum of 12 per high school.**

# 4. Partners for Scholars New Selection Process - Remaining Funds

All graduates not awarded a STARS scholarship will have an opportunity to receive the \$1,000 scholarship from Partners for Scholars (from remaining funds).

Students must submit their application via a Google Form and their names will be added to the lottery system, which will be drawn at each high school.

The number of scholarships awarded at each high school will depend on the available funds collected for each school.



**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 31, 2020 - Lottery will take place after April 17, 2020**

Thank  
You

