



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FROM Highland Lakes Republican Women



(Amount of Award TBD).

Government is not a spectator sport. There are all sorts of ways a person can become informed and involved.

People get into local politics for reasons as varied as having a say in their community, trying to make a difference, or wanting to change policies they don't agree with. Getting involved can initially seem daunting if you don't know where to begin, but with research, volunteering, and using your voice, you can become an involved citizen. We would like to challenge you to do just that. By becoming involved you will not only be better informed but a better citizen and voter.

Our Scholarship this year is activities centered. Each activity should only take part of a day but will introduce you to local government and local issues. You need only do two activities. Your evaluations can be short and sweet or detailed. Be sure to complete the required activity and include all the required information. Email your questions or concerns to hlrwscholarships@hlrwtx.com. (YES, Extra credit if you do more activities!)

HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS

Required Activity: Interview an elected official. You will need to create your own questions. Write up the interview including your questions and the official's responses.

Pick 1 additional activity:

1. Volunteer as a Poll Worker OR Poll Watcher. (You will need to contact the Elections Office for availability, requirements and training.)
2. Attend City Council meeting, County Commissioner Meeting or School Board Meeting.
3. Volunteer (work) for a Community Event (See Chamber for planned events).
4. Volunteer (work) at a Political Event put on by the Llano County Republican Club, Highland Lakes Republican Women or Llano Tea Party.

After **EACH** activity, write a short **evaluation essay** telling what you did, what you learned and any other insight. Submit a folder containing the following:

1. A **cover letter** listing the activities you did.
2. Your 2 **evaluation essays** of the events.
3. A **name and phone number** of your supervisor and person you interviewed so your participation can be verified.
4. Your **current grade transcript**,
5. **Two letters of recommendation**

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Ginger Shilts and Bonnie Wallace
HLRW Scholarship Committee