



# ***Need money for college?***

Interested in going into health-care?  
Apply for the St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship!

The St. David's Foundation has established this scholarship program to honor our late CEO, Dr. W. Neal Kocurek. A native Austinite, Dr. Kocurek never stopped learning about or contributing to the community he loved. Our scholarship program seeks students who embody his commitment to leadership and community.

**Following are the application requirements for the scholarship  
(to be used during the 2010-2011 school year).**

**Please visit [http://stdaidsfoundation.org/ed\\_wnk.htm](http://stdaidsfoundation.org/ed_wnk.htm) to download an application.**

The awarded scholarships will be up to \$4,000 a year for four years. Post-graduate scholarships may be awarded pending the student maintain the minimum requirements. In order to be eligible, the following requirements must be met:

1. You must be a 2010 graduating senior within the ISDs of Travis, Williamson, or Hays counties.
2. You have been accepted at an accredited higher education college or university to pursue a degree in a health-care-related discipline (ex. physical therapy, pre-med, pharmacy, nursing, etc.)
3. You must attend an accredited Texas-based college or university as a full-time student (12+ units/semester).
4. If asked, you must be able to attend an in-person interview the week of April 26, 2010.
5. You must be a United States Citizen or a legal non-citizen resident.
6. You must pass a background check. There can be no conviction for violating any federal or state laws for alcohol or drugs.
7. The application, essay, photo, transcripts, tax forms, letters of recommendation, and a copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency must be received at St. David's Foundation by **4:00 p.m. on March 12, 2010.**  
**Late materials will not be accepted, no exceptions.**

## **Important Dates:**

- **March 12, 2010** - Your application, essay, photo, transcript(s), one copy each of the first page of the 2009 Federal Income Tax Return for any person(s) contributing to your education, three letters of recommendation, and one copy of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency are **due in the Foundation office by 4:00 p.m.**
- **Week of April 26, 2010** - Scholarship applicant interviews.
- **May 10, 2010** - Notification of awards.



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Please contact Tina Prentice at **512.879.6215** or [scholarship@sdchf.org](mailto:scholarship@sdchf.org) with any questions you may have about the scholarship.

Further information about the St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship, including the application, can be found on our website located at: <http://www.stdavidfoundation.org/wnk.htm>

## Words from Our Kocurek Scholars...



College really is a whole new world. It's scary but exciting, and most importantly, FUN! I started off my fall semester not really knowing what to expect. Then I went to my first day of classes and I found that the professors were fun, the students were creative, and that left me thoroughly optimistic.

*Ashley Criswell, 2006 Recipient, Crockett High School*

College courses are generally not any more difficult than my high school AP classes. The main difference is that in college, professors don't baby you. I had to learn how to take it upon myself to study on my own or form study groups. I learned very quickly that study groups were extremely beneficial. I formed them right away when I knew there was a test coming up. It came to be one of my favorite things about college.

*Tam-Hong Nguyen, 2007 Recipient, Akins High School*

Throughout my senior year, people frequently told me that college is the best years of one's life. Although I trust these people, after such a great time senior year, I couldn't imagine life getting better. Then it did. College is so different from high school, but the things I learned about myself and the world around were all new and vibrant and are positively shaping me into the person I hope to become.

*Ashli Lawson, 2007 Recipient, Bowie High School*



Looking back at it now, I would have to say my first year in college went pretty well. Going through it, however, was hard. I've never had to study so hard to get a good grade before. There were times when I thought I wasn't going to be able to make the grades I wanted, but did. There were also times when I thought I was going to make the grades I wanted, but did not.

*Christina Ramirez, 2006 Recipient, Lanier High School*

My freshman year at Texas A&M consisted of many firsts. For the first time I talked to biomedical engineers who are currently working in the field. Some of them talked about their experiences while standing by in the surgery room in case emergencies with equipments emerged. Some of them described witnessing miracles brought about by the products they have manufactured to improve control and mobility of their patients. All of them talked about the satisfaction that came with their jobs.

*Vivian Hui, 2007 Recipient, Bowie High School*

At school I have met many interesting people and made new friends with the same goals: to better themselves and excel in their desired careers. I took Spanish, and plan to take more classes, to better my Spanish and to be able to translate fluently to future patients in my career. It's inspiring to attend ACC where everyone wants to succeed, which is a different atmosphere than high school.

*Liliana Gonzalez, 2007 Recipient, Crockett High School*



Before I knew it I was involved in Texas Crew, multiple professional engineering societies, pre-med societies, and had more friends than ever. Very quickly I noticed a lot of my friends taking the same classes as me. This turned out to be a key to making study groups. Between chemistry, calculus, computer programming, biology, physics, and endless labs and late nights I learned to balance everything.

*Trevor DeMartini, 2005 Recipient, Bowie High School*