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Dear Principals:

In the spring of 2013 the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors hosted a Barbecue Cook-off to raise money for a local scholarship fund. Last year's 5<sup>th</sup> annual event was another success and we look forward to this year's 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ Cook-Off. Over the last five years, we have raised over \$70,000 in scholarships for area high school seniors to use towards their college education. This year we are pleased to offer at least eight \$1,000 college scholarships to local high school seniors going to college in the fall of 2019. This letter is a formal request for you to please consider nominating a student, or students (no more than 3 nominees) from your school to be considered as a scholarship recipient. Applicants must be recommended by his or her principal or counselor in order to be eligible. The awarding of these scholarships will be based on the applicant's essay.

The intent of this initiative for our organization is to perpetuate a spirit of pride and enthusiasm for our region in our next generation. Though we as a community will always strive to retain our best and brightest, we want to make sure that as they go away to school, get jobs and raise families that they will remain advocates of the Ark-La-Tex. With their help, we intend to identify the particular aspects that make our region special and capitalize on these qualities to attract future visitors, residents and businesses.

The deadline for the Scholarship nominations is March 5, 2019. Essays, the enclosed recommendation form and the student information form, should be submitted to the address indicated in our letterhead above. We expect to notify the awardees by March 25, 2109 and formally recognize them during our 2019 BBQ cook off on April 27, 2019. Feel free to contact us with any questions at the email listed above. We look forward to your school's participation in our offering and hope to continue expanding it in subsequent years as our funding base continues to grow.

Best Regards,

Dr. Peggy Murphy  
Board Chairman

Madge Davis  
Executive Director

Carolyn Murphy  
Scholarship Committee Chairman

ESSAY QUESTIONS (approximately 500 words):

What does it mean to be an ambassador? How can you be an ambassador of the Ark-La-Tex when you go to college? What are some things that make you proud of our region and what should we, as a community, promote?



## Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors Scholarship Recommendation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student to participate in the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors Scholarship Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

Or

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor



## Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors Essay Scholarship Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a scholarship: (please check one)

I will be available to be recognized at the BBQ Cook-off on April 27, 2019  
(2:00pm-5:00pm)

I will be unable to attend the BBQ

This event will be held in downtown Shreveport Festival Plaza.

Your participation is NOT REQUIRED to be eligible for the scholarship and will have NO bearing on the selection process.

If awarded a scholarship, I give Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors permission to place my name and pictures/video on their promotional material as a recipient. (If not 18 years of age please have a parent or guardian sign)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_