

## **“Better Future for You” Scholarship**

### **Scholarship Overview**

The *Better Future for You Scholarship* is awarded to graduating high school seniors who have successfully earned their high school diploma by their graduation date, meaning you must be confirmed by the day you walk the stage and be in good academic standing—summer sessions are ineligible. This scholarship recognizes that success is not one-size-fits-all and that every student’s journey—whether smooth or challenging—deserves to be acknowledged and supported.

### **Scholarship Details**

The Better Future for You Scholarship is a family-founded award we created in 2018 alongside our daughter, Alexis “Lexi” Cuff.

This scholarship was built on our shared belief that success extends far beyond the classroom. As a family, we value perseverance, growth, and ensuring that all students have access to meaningful opportunities.

Our daughter, Lexi, experienced her own struggles within the traditional school setting. Living with a learning disability that was not always visible to others, she faced challenges with reading comprehension and dyslexia beginning in third grade. Despite her dedication and hard work, there were times when her efforts were diminished, and she was told she would not succeed in college. However, we saw her determination every day, and those who truly understood her recognized her resilience and commitment to overcoming obstacles.

Through these experiences, we came to understand that access to education and support systems is not equal for all students. This realization became the foundation of our mission: to support students in pursuing their futures—no matter what path they choose.

This scholarship is deeply meaningful to us as parents, and also to Lexi, who understands firsthand the importance of support, advocacy, and opportunity. Her journey reflects the belief that success is defined differently for each student and carries no limitations.

This year, Richard Cuff has chosen to donate this scholarship to this school, as it holds special significance for our family. Our daughter now serves as an educator here, teaching the very material she once struggled with throughout much of her life. Her journey has come full circle, and it stands as a powerful reminder that challenges do not define a student’s future—determination and opportunity do.

We hope this scholarship empowers students to define success in their own way and continue striving toward a better future.

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have earned (or be on track to earn) a high school diploma by the graduation date
- Open to all students, regardless of academic standing

### **Financial Decisions**

- 1 recipient will receive \$1,000 scholarship
- 2 recipients will receive \$500 scholarship
- Based on applications submitted, additional scholarships may be awarded in terms of \$200 or \$100 increments
- The money provided in this scholarship does not need to go to your education, it can be utilized for you in the way you wish to choose. We believe that you are able to choose for yourself, and college is not for all—and we recognize that. “Live a little,” as Richard tells his daughter often.

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**Application Instructions**

Please complete the following sections thoughtfully and honestly. There are no “right” answers—this scholarship values your story.

**Student Information**

- Full (Preferred) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Information**

- High School Name: KATHERINE ANNE PORTER SCHOOL
- School District: KAPS, CHARTER SCHOOL WIMBERLEY, TX
- Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Journey**

1. How would you describe your experience in school?
  - Was school a strength for you, a struggle, or a mix of both? Please explain.

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2. What challenges (if any) have you faced during your education?
  - How did you respond to or overcome them?

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3. What accomplishments in school are you most proud of?
  - (This can include academic, personal, or extracurricular achievements.)

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### Future Plans

4. What are your plans after graduation?
  - (College, trade school, workforce, military, gap year, etc.)

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5. How do you define “success” for yourself?

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### Personal Reflection

6. What are you most proud of yourself for accomplishing, inside or outside of school?

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7. In what ways have you grown as a person during high school?

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8. Is there anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you?

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9. If awarded this scholarship, how do you think you would contribute these finances to your goal? Is there anything you may need in support of this scholarship that we should consider?

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10. Would this scholarship aid you in any way, other than an additional scholarship you have applied for? Would any of the amounts listed contribute to your need?

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**Closing Statement & Message from Jill Terry and Richard Cuff**

This scholarship celebrates resilience, individuality, and the belief that every student has the potential to create their own path forward. Your journey matters—and your future does too. -Jill Terry, JD, 2018

I call my daughter every morning on her way to work, and she’s always excited for a day in the classroom. It still makes me smile, because growing up she would often sit at the dining room table in tears, overwhelmed and frustrated with her homework. When her mother and I asked if she wanted to make any changes to this year’s donation or if there were other students in need, she told us she would like it to go to the students she knows—the ones who welcomed her into their classroom and allowed her to support them. Thank you for giving our daughter the space to discover a love for education, even after struggling so deeply with school in her earlier years. - Richard Cuff, 2026