

# Ryan Woods Foundation Scholarship

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**Established 2009**

The Ryan Woods Foundation Scholarship is sponsored by Tony Woods, a TAPT member and sponsor in good standing and Chief Executive Officer of Bus Air Manufacturing, LLC. Bus Air Manufacturing operates facilities in Texas and Oklahoma in addition to TCB Surveillance, which is located in Texas. The scholarship is to be administered by the Texas Association for Pupil Transportation in honor of Ryan Woods, Tony's son, who developed Type 1 Diabetes at seven (7) years of age and who continues to fight this disease. It is the hope of all those connected with Bus Air Manufacturing that this scholarship will not only help a deserving high school student who also has Type 1 Diabetes, but will serve to bring greater awareness to the dangers of Juvenile Diabetes.

The scholarship is provided for a graduating student of any High School in the state of Texas, who has Type 1 Diabetes, to assist with medical expenditures accrued due to this dreaded disease during the school year in which the scholarship is awarded as well as the following year.

This scholarship will provide a grant of \$2000.00 for a selected participant enrolled in a vocational or academic degree program. The grant will be disbursed as follows: \$1000.00 for the first year of school and \$1000.00 for the second consecutive year of school paid upon proof of enrollment prior to the start of the academic year. The second payment will require grade transcripts from the year just completed as well as the proof of enrollment for the upcoming year before it is issued.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Graduating Senior of ANY Texas High School who has Type 1 Diabetes.
2. Eligible for admission in selected educational institution.
3. Maintain acceptable attendance and scholastic performance each semester for the term of the scholarship.
4. Recipient must be present at the TAPT Annual Conference in order to receive the scholarship.

## **SELECTION:**

The scholarship recipient will be chosen from written applications and possible personal interviews by the scholarship selection committee. The selection committee shall consist of the TAPT President (or his/her designate), the five Area Directors on the Executive Committee, and Tony Woods.

## **APPLICATION:**

Written application must be submitted to the committee by April 15th, of the year in which the scholarship is to be granted. The application must include:

1. Applicant name, address and phone number.
2. High school from which applicant graduated. .
3. Educational institution which applicant wishes to attend.
4. A written statement of the educational goals and objectives of the applicant.
5. A written statement of the applicants outside activities and service.
6. A written statement from the applicant's high school counselor as to the appropriateness and obtainability of the applicant's educational goals.
7. A written statement from the applicant's high school principal as to the applicant's attendance and personal character.

Complete in written form and mail to T.A.P.T., P.O. Box 996, Buchanan Dam, Texas 78609. If you require further information contact Jolene Hawkins, TAPT Executive Secretary at (866) 561-2121