



Dear Members of the Class of 1959,

**Lack of money for college** is the number one challenge facing many of the Lamar High School graduates and their parents today. Because these students cannot afford to attend college, our country is losing valuable “brain capital.”

In 2001, The Lamar High School Alumni Association started the **Hope Scholarships for students who have financial needs and are generally “B” students.** (It is much easier for “A” students to receive scholarships.) The recipients cannot afford college, but have the ability, character, grades, and motivation to pursue a higher education. Their family’s annual income ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000, hardly enough to afford any funds for college expenses.

The impact of the Hope Scholarships is outstanding:

- Since 2001, 45 scholarships have been awarded.
- Awards began at \$1,000 annually and are now \$2,000 a year.
- If grades are maintained, the award is continued for 4 years.
- Among the graduates are four accountants, two engineers, a legal assistant, an occupational therapist, a teacher with a master’s degree, a nurse, two bankers, and a social worker
- Only 2 students have dropped out of college.

To ensure the long- term vitality of the program, class funds have been created to fund these scholarships. Already eight class funds have been started. The 1958 class fund has raised \$17,000 from a few classmates.

Our class has already contributed \$1700, but we can do better!

Let’s raise at least \$20,000 for our fund and leave a lasting legacy for the class of 1959. The Lamar High School Alumni Association is a 501(c) (3) organization, and your contributions are tax-deductible within the limits of the law. Please put Hope Scholarship and “1959” on your check payable to the Lamar High School Alumni Association, 3325 Westheimer, Houston, 77098 or pay on-line at [lamarhsalumni.com](http://lamarhsalumni.com)

Thank you for helping these deserving students get the chance of a lifetime.... the opportunity to attend college.

Sincerely,

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