

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD
Quarterly Reporting Form



Name: Alferma Giles, Ph.D. Position: Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Meeting Date: July 19, 2023
RE: Scholarship Committee Report
Address: Alferma.Crawford@uth.tmc.edu

Correspondence: Emails and/or phone calls to:

1. Region VI HSA Board, President Lopez & Paula Brown
2. Region VI HSA – State Association Presidents, Scholarship Committee & Collaboration Directors, Jackie Govan, Johnnie B. Chavis, Donna Hicks, Deana Howell, Rhonda Taylor & staff & Region VI HSA Scholarship Recipients/2023

The Scholarship Committee reports the following:

The Region VI Head Start Association Scholarship application process began on April 3rd and closed on July 3rd. The committee is proud to present to you the 2023 scholarship recipients. We celebrate their accomplishments and their commitment to academic excellence. There were seven (7) scholarship applications received for 2023. Six were approved and one (1) was denied.

ARKANSAS:

Meghan Graham – Head Start Staff Scholarship - \$1,000.00

Meghan is an honor student at Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR

Major: Organizational Leadership with a Child Development concentration,
(anticipated graduation date, December/2024)

Employer: Early Head Start Teacher with Black River Area Development Corporation Child Development Programs, Early Head Start in Pocahontas, Arkansas

Heather Howison - Goodie Wickland Parent Scholarship - \$500.00

Heather is on the President's List at Strayer University, Herndon, VA

Major: Human Resources (anticipated graduation date 2026)

Heather is a parent at Oak Street Child Development Center with Black River Area Development Corporation Child Development Programs, Early Head Start program in Pocahontas, Arkansas

OKLAHOMA:

Avigail Venegas – Allie J. Mitchell (Former Head Start Student) - \$1,000.00

Avigail is a 2023 graduate of Marietta High School. She will be attending Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK with a 3.52 grade point average.

Major: Pre-Med/Dentistry

Attended Head Start Community Services/ Big 5 Head start Program, Marietta, OK

Ciara Kirk – Head Start Staff Scholarship - \$1,000.00

Ciara is an honor student at East Central University, Ada, OK

Major: Social Work (anticipated graduation date, May/2024)

Employer: Family Advocate at Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc./Delta Head Start, Lindsay, OK

Kristen Kirk – Goodie Wickland Parent Scholarship - \$500.00

Honor student at Tulsa Technical College – Broken Arrow Campus, Tulsa, OK

Major: Cosmetology (anticipated graduation date, May/2024)

Kristen is a parent at Catoosa Spunky Early Head Start with Community Action Resource & Development Inc., Claremore, OK

TEXAS:

Jacqueline Garza – Head Start Staff Scholarship - \$1,000.00

Jacqueline completed her studies at Costal Bend College in Beeville, TX and is now enrolled at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL

Major: Early Childhood Development (anticipated graduation date, May/2025)

Employer: Toddler Teacher at the Mary R. Garcia Learning Center in Alice, TX/Community Action Corporation of South Texas, Alice, TX.

The denial application was submitted from the state Louisiana. The applicant submitted an incomplete scholarship application without the required documentation and signatures. On June 5th, a notification to make the necessary corrections was sent to the scholarship committee representative in the state of origin and the staff person who submitted the application from the grantee agency. An email notification was sent to the scholarship committee representative on July 5th and a telephone call and a message was left on July 10th, in an attempt to complete final follow-up.

Scholarship awards submittal date July 10th

Individual email communication was sent to the scholarship recipients with their award letters, with a cc to President Lopez, Treasurer Paula Brown, and the scholarship committee. The denial letter was emailed in the same manner.

An email was sent with the Scholarship Award & Check Request forms for all awardees to President Lopez, Treasurer Paula Brown for approval, with a cc to the scholarship committee.

On July 11th, an announcement was emailed to the Region VI HSA Board, Association Presidents and State Collaboration Directors to reach out to the awardees to confirm that they received their scholarship notification.

This report concludes the 2023 scholarship application process. I would again like to thank President Lopez and our Treasures, Paula Brown and the scholarship committee members for your support and participation this year.

Board action item: None

Report Attachments (if any): None

Signature(s): *Alferma Giles* **Date Submitted:** 7/12/23