



2010 Shout Out Scholarship Award Nomination Information

Nominations Due March 10, 2010

About Austin Voices for Education and Youth

Austin Voices for Education and Youth is an Austin-based nonprofit organization founded in 2003 that mobilizes the community to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin's youth. We work alongside community members, young people, parents, and educators to improve our schools and neighborhoods. Our vision is that one day all schools and neighborhoods will be great places for young people to learn, lead, connect, and thrive.

Shout Out Scholarship Award Overview

Austin Voices would like to **highlight some of the amazing people in our community who are taking action to strengthen our public schools**. We will award four scholarships on **April 8, 2010** as a way of celebrating some of the remarkable leaders in our community. Two of these awards will be for AISD high school students who have demonstrated great leadership in improving their school and two will be for parents who have demonstrated great leadership in improving AISD schools. Each scholarship award amount is \$1,000. The four award winners will be honored by Austin Voices at the *Shout Out Awards Ceremony* on April 8th.

Use of Scholarship Award

Each award will be disbursed according to the following guidelines. Awards can be paid directly to the school or institution or to the individual student, with proof of enrollment and expenses.

The student scholarship can be:

- Applied to education-related expenses at the college, university, or certified job training program of the youth's choice.
- Used over several semesters.
- Used anytime within the next three years.

The parent award can be:

- Applied to the parent's own education-related expenses at the college, university, or certified job training program of their choice.
- Applied toward their child's education through a special college savings account.
- Contributed as a donation to their child's school.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, parents and students must meet the following criteria:

- The student or the parent's children must qualify for free or reduced school lunch programs.
- Student nominees must be in their junior or senior year in an AISD high school during the 2009-10 school year.
- Parent nominees must be a parent, grandparent, or guardian of a child in an AISD school.

Criteria and Selection Process

Nominees will be evaluated and scored by the *Shout Out Awards* Selection Committee, made up of community leaders, based on the criteria listed below. The four award winners will be notified by phone on March 31. All other nominees will be notified by mail by April 5th.

Instructions for Nomination

Nominators can write out their nomination or indicate if they would like to be contacted to discuss the nominee with the selection committee by phone. Nominations may be returned via the online form, email, hand delivery, fax or mail. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. **Nominations must be postmarked by March 10, 2010 or delivered via online form, fax, email, or by hand by 5 pm on March 10, 2010.** The person making the nomination will be notified via email or phone that their nomination has been received. The winners will be announced on April 17th and honored at the Austin Voices *Shout Out Awards* event on April 30th. If the nominee is chosen, they must be available to attend the *Shout Out Awards* event. If you have any questions about our nomination form, please contact Sinead O'Carroll by phone at 512-334-4509 or by email at socarroll@reevesbrightwell.com.

Email nominations to:

socarroll@reevesbrightwell.com

Bring or mail nominations to:

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Reeves & Brightwell LLP
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Austin, TX 78701**

Fax nominations to:

512-334-4492*

*Please use the attached fax coversheet.

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