

AREA 2 REGION 3 BPA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS 2023-2024

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ACCEPTED!**

Thank you for applying for the Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship! The purpose of the Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to the most capable and deserving members in our area wishing to pursue post-secondary education in preparation for a career in the business industry.

Available Scholarship:

1 - \$500 Gabriela Marks-Cisneros Memorial Scholarship



Gabriela “Gabby” Marks-Cisneros was a BPA advisor for over a decade at several schools in Brownsville ISD and served as the Area 2 Region 3 Advisor from 2015 to 2018. A compassionate and dedicated educator, mentor and friend, Gabby was such a caring and loving soul. We loved working with her through Business Professionals of America and her passion for sharing opportunities with her students. She always had a smile, a solution, a great idea, and way to make something fun and engaging for our students. She has left a legacy with her students and changed many lives by giving them skills, confidence and by believing in them, loving them, and showing them that they can do more and be more. Area 2 Region 3 has dedicated a memorial scholarship on her behalf for her dedication to our students and organization. Gabby is deeply missed by her BPA family.

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The selection of candidates is done on a competitive basis. The criteria used in selecting scholarship recipients will include:

1. Academic achievement
2. SAT or ACT scores
3. Number of business courses or related instruction
4. BPA membership (participation and achievement)
5. Letters of Recommendation
6. Personal Statement & Advisor Statement
7. Technical Merit
8. In-person Interview

Completed applications must be submitted to the Regional Advisor via email at david.sjl@gmail.com by **6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023**. Please make sure that the subject line of the email is **"Scholarship Application – FirstName_LastName"**. Allow up to 24 hours to receive a confirmation email of your scholarship application. If no confirmation is received within that time, please contact your chapter advisor so that they may reach out to the Regional Advisor.

Upon evaluating the applicants, the Regional Advisor will score the applicants based on the attached rubric. The Regional Advisor will compile scores and the top three (3) candidates will move on to the interview process. **Interview finalists will be notified through their Chapter Advisors by the Regional Advisor.** Award notification and Scholarship check will be announced at the BPA Regional Leadership Conference Awards Ceremony.

The recipient will be determined by the Selection/Interview Panel. This panel is selected by the Area 2 Region 3 Scholarship Committee.

Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements

To be eligible to apply for an Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be an active member of the Texas BPA Association for the current year.
2. Be a graduating high school senior/junior (2023-2024)
3. Score at least 1200 on the SAT or at least 20 on the ACT.
4. Current class rank must be in top 50% of your graduating class.
5. Submit the most current Area 2 Region 3 Scholarship Application.

The Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Applicant must submit the following application packet to the Regional Advisor via email at david.sij1@gmail.com by **6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023**.

Please ensure that the following have been included in your application package.

- Completed Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Application Form. (typed and in one .PDF format)
- High School Transcript. Must include:
 - a. **First three years of high school**
 - b. **Unweighted numerical high school grade average**
 - c. **SAT/ACT scores**
 - d. **Signed by a school records official (principal, counselor, registrar, etc.)**
 - e. **Certified with a school seal**
- Student's Letter to the Regional Advisor, as instructed on page 5. (1 page maximum)
- Two (2) separate recommendation using Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Recommendation Form.

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Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of BPA Chapter: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Years of BPA Membership (including this year): _____

College/University/Technical School: _____

What major (course of study) do you intend to pursue? _____

BPA Offices Held:

Year	BPA Office	Local	Regional	State	National	Months of Service
Example: 2018-2019	Vice President	X				12 months

How has BPA impacted you?

Type a letter (one page maximum) in proper format according to the BPA Style and Reference Manual. The letter will answer the following questions: Why should you be awarded this scholarship? How has your participation in BPA impacted your life both in and out of school? How has your participation in BPA impacted your future plans?

Letter address:

BPA Area 2 Region 3 Scholarship Committee

Attention: David Ibarra

308 Globe Mallow Circle

Kyle, TX 78640

We have examined this application and find the information submitted true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

AREA 2 REGION 3 BPA SCHOLARSHIP Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

The above applicant has applied for the Area 2 Region 3 BPA Scholarship. Your candid appraisal of the student's qualifications is requested. This recommendation will be held in confidence; therefore, we are requesting that all questions be answered.

Rating: 5 – Outstanding 3 – Average 1 – Poor
 4 – Above Average 2 – Below Average N/A – Unable to Rate

Quality	Rating	Comments
Initiative and ability to work alone		
Ability to get along with others		
Motivation to excel and be the best		
Ability to analyze, synthesize		
Dependability/Reliability		
Ambition/potential for academic success in college or technical school		
Honesty /moral character		
Citizenship/loyalty to home, school, and community		
Extracurricular activities participation		
Leadership in school and community activities		
Initiative and motivation to work hard when no one is watching.		
Willingness to go above and beyond what is expected		

Name and Address of Reference

Phone Number

Signature of Reference

Date

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BPA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW EVALUATION SHEET

Scholarship Panelists will use the candidate's virtual interview to evaluate the following items.					
	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Points Earned
Applicant's Greeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Introduction • Positive First Impression 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Applicant's Appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat, well groomed • Appropriately attired 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Personality and Poise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive, Courteous, and Confident • Good posture, gestures, and eye contact 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Communication Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Grammar • Pleasant voice and tone 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded with appropriate answers • Demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm • Ability to think on their feet 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Close of Interview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluded interview effectively 	1 – 3	4 – 6	7 – 8	9 – 10	
Total Points (120 Maximum)					