The School of Honors at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) is pleased to announce the competition for its annual Wisely Awards scholarship program. These awards are made possible through the generosity of the Dorothy Wisely School of Honors Endowment. The supervision of the awards is directed by the School of Honors.

To be eligible for consideration for the Wisely Award scholarship a student must:

- be a currently enrolled SFA student,
- be a full member of the School of Honors in good standing,
- have a minimum 3.25 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at SFA,
- be returning to SFA the next academic year, and
- complete the SFA Scholarship Application through mySFA (see instructions below.)

In late spring of each year, the School of Honors will announce award winners. Recipients will receive up to $1,000 toward the following academic year at SFA.

If awarded a Wisely Award scholarship, scholarship recipients must maintain School of Honors membership, which includes maintaining a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and earning a minimum of 6 Honors credit hours each academic year as well as enrolling in a minimum of 12 credit hours at SFA in the Fall and Spring semesters in which the scholarship is distributed.

To apply, please complete the following by February 1.

1. The SFA Scholarship Application can be accessed online through students’ mySFA account by selecting the Financial Aid tab, then selecting Apply for Scholarship Opportunities.

   a. When the new window appears, select the Sign In button on the upper right corner.
   b. Under the Applicants and Administrators tab, select the Sign In With Your Institution button.
c. Enter General Application Profile Information.
d. Under the question, “Do you participate in any of the following SFA activities?”
   check the box next to “Honors Program”.
e. Once you have completed the General Application you will be matched with
   scholarship Opportunities for which you are eligible to apply.
f. From the top bar, select Opportunities, and search for Wisely.

2. From within the *Wisely* menu:

   a. Please consider the following prompt and prepare a 300-600 word essay in
      response:
      “Reflect on your collegiate experience to date. What has SFA changed about
      you and what remains the same?”
   b. It is best to write the essay in Microsoft Word or other word processing program
      to ensure correct formatting, and then copy and paste it into the box provided in
      the *Wisely* menu.
   c. Request up to three references from teacher(s) or professor(s) by:
      i. Contacting your teacher or professor and asking them if they would write
         a letter of recommendation for you for this scholarship, and if so,
      ii. Submitting their name and email address in the *Wisely* menu.
      iii. Do not submit names and emails of teacher(s) or professor(s) whom you
           have not contacted and have not already agreed to write you a letter of
           recommendation.
   d. A link to the online scholarship reference form will be emailed to the person you
      enter as your recommender. It is best to alert them that it may end up in a spam
      filter so as to avoid delays, and/or the email potentially getting lost.
   e. Please give your recommenders adequate time to write the letter. Consider
      sending them supporting documents such as a resume and/or list of achievements
      to assist them in the process.
   f. Thank your recommenders for assisting you in applying for scholarships.

3. Be sure to *Finish and Submit* your scholarship application before the February 1 deadline.

**Scholarship application questions?**  **School of Honors questions?**
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