**26th Annual Elizabeth Sorrell Scholarships**

**2019-2018**

The Elizabeth Sorrell Scholarships were created in spring 1994 to recognize outstanding college-bound Vidal M. Treviño Magnet School communications students.

The Laredo Morning Times was the major benefactor in establishing the scholarship fund. The Times is trustee of the fund, which awards up to three scholarships yearly.

Elizabeth Sorrell died Sunday, July 15, 2007, at her residence in San Antonio. She taught for many years at Martin High School. Sorrell was a long-time adviser to Martin's La Pitaya yearbook and its now-defunct student newspaper, the Journal. She also worked as a society reporter and columnist throughout the years for several local publications, including LMT. She ended her association with LMT in November 2001.

**Requirements:**

1. May 2019 graduate who has received at least one credit by the end of fall 2018 in a Vidal M. Treviño magnet school Communication class, including those relating to television/radio broadcasting, print journalism/online media, or creative writing.
2. "B" average or higher in all classes taken in fall 2018.
3. Portfolio will be required of applicants, which must include, in this order:

• Letter of introduction.

• Resume covering high school years.

• A letter of acceptance or a note indicating a pending letter of acceptance into a post-secondary educational institution, including an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.

• One letter of recommendation.

• Portfolio of work relating to communications classes taken at VMT.

**Note:** Students not planning to enroll in an institution of high education, which can include a university, college, vocational or trade school in the 2018-2019 school year are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

**Judging** of portfolios will be made by media professionals not connected with VMT.

For newspaper applicants, at least one will be a representative of the *Laredo Morning Times*.

**Three awards** are available:

a) One for a student in television/radio broadcasting

b) One for a student in print journalism/online media, and

c) One for a student in creative writing

The trustee reserves the right to decide on the size of scholarship amounts in the three categories, based on funds available at the time of the award. No award will be made in a category in which there are no applicants.

The amount of the award is pending. Last year the scholarship was $500 per student. The original award 25 years ago was $500. Checks will be made co-payable to both recipient and a post-secondary institution of the recipient’s choice, and will be mailed directly to each student by the foundation which awards the scholarships.

**Deadline: Newspaper students,** Friday, March 1.

 **Literary magazine students,** Seven days after magazine has been sent to the printer.