



DATE: February 12, 2019
TO: High School Guidance Counselors
FROM: SPC Scholarship Office
RE: Wheeler Foundation First-to-College Scholarship

South Plains College is excited to announce a new scholarship opportunity for an outstanding student who is the first in their family to attend college. Through the generosity of a proud SPC alumnus, the Wheeler Foundation First to College Scholarship will provide up to \$12,000 per academic year for a student to attend South Plains College.

William and Sandra Wheeler desire to provide a few deserving students the same educational experience that Mr. Wheeler had when he attended South Plains College. Their efforts to make a significance difference for a student who may not have thought that higher education was a possibility for them is expressed in their attached letter about the scholarship. The Wheeler Foundation Scholarship will benefit young students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership characteristics and excitement about their future scholastic pursuits. Preference will be given to students who graduate valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school class and are the first in their family to attend college.

In order to be considered, students must complete a scholarship application through SPC's online scholarship portal located at <https://southplainscollege.academicworks.com> by March 3, 2019. Applicants must apply for admission to SPC and be accepted in order to receive sign in credentials to access the scholarship portal. Selection will be made by a select committee of faculty and staff. The scholarship will provide funds for payment of tuition and fees, books, supplies and the ability to live on campus in a student residence hall during the recipient's two years of study at SPC.

In addition to the Wheeler Foundation Scholarship, South Plains College offers many other scholarship opportunities for your graduates who wish to attend SPC. These opportunities can be found on the SPC online scholarship portal. We ask that you help us inform your students about these scholarship opportunities and that you encourage them to apply. Should you or your students have questions or need additional information, please contact Shalyn Slape, scholarship coordinator at 806-716-2219 or email sslape@southplainscollege.edu.

Thank you for all you do to guide and direct your students toward higher education after graduation. Your support of South Plains College is very much appreciated.

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