

**Timy Baranoff Elementary School PTA
2026 Alumni Scholarship Application
Deadline: April 13, 2026**

The Timy Baranoff Elementary PTA (Baranoff PTA) Alumni Scholarship has been established to recognize former students who have succeeded in their academic endeavors as well as supported their community. In addition, these students possess the desire to further their education. By granting these scholarships, we encourage students to pursue their academic endeavors and hope to strengthen relationships between Baranoff and its alumni.

Baranoff PTA shall offer two (2) \$2,000 scholarships.
Two (2) qualified candidates will be receiving this award each year.

The mandatory requirements for scholarship applicants are as follows:

- Is a former Baranoff Elementary student with at least three years of attendance at Baranoff.
- Has a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better at time of application completion.
- Attends and will graduate from a high school within the Austin Independent School District.
- Is a graduating high school senior who will continue their education via vocational school, junior college or a 4-year university.
- Has demonstrated involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community service-based organizations.
- Will submit a completed application package no later than the assigned deadline. **Incomplete packages will be disqualified.**

Scholarships shall be awarded based on a combination of:

1. Academic performance
2. Participation in extra-curricular and/or community service-based organizations
3. Quality of the applicant's essay
4. Letter of recommendation

In order to be considered a candidate for this scholarship, please complete the application form AND submit all required documents postmarked no later than April 13th, 2026 to:

**Baranoff Elementary PTA
C/o Scholarship Committee
12009 Buckingham Gate Road
Austin, Texas 78748**

Applicants may also hand deliver the application package to Baranoff front office staff by noon on April 13th, 2026.

Please direct any questions to: baranoffscholarship@gmail.com

Baranoff PTA 2026 Alumni Scholarship Application Checklist

Candidate name: _____

Application must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2026 OR applicants may hand deliver the application package to Baranoff front office staff by noon on April 13, 2026.

This checklist MUST be used as the cover sheet for your completed application packet. Incomplete or incorrectly completed packages will be disqualified from consideration.

All pages must be attached in the order listed below:

- o Completed *checklist* (this page)
- o Self-addressed and stamped envelope for notification of award status.
- o Completed *Section 1: Candidate Information Form* (dated and signed)
- o Completed *Section 2: Personal Essay* (double spaced, font is Times New Roman – 12pt, two-page limit.)
- o Completed *Section 3: Additional Information* (double spaced, font is Times New Roman – 12pt, two-page limit.)
- o Official copy of student’s high school transcript through the fall semester prior to applicant’s graduation date.
- o One recommendation letter. This letter must be sealed in an envelope and signed on the seal. Accepted choices:
 1. Letter from either a teacher or counselor who has first-hand knowledge of the candidate. This letter must contain: candidate’s overall participation in his/her education, academic standing, and characteristics possessed by the candidate that make him/her the best candidate for the scholarship.
 2. Letter from either extracurricular or community service work contact who has first-hand knowledge of the candidate. This letter must contain: information about the candidate's participation/achievements in his or her organization and characteristics possessed by the candidate that make him/her the best candidate for the scholarship.
 3. Letter from a personal reference who has first-hand knowledge of the candidate on a more personal level (however, not a family member). This letter must contain: information about the characteristics possessed by the candidate that make him/her the best candidate for the scholarship.

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Section 1: Candidate information

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____
(Complete with city/state/zip) _____

Email address: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/mobile number: _____

Parent information

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Mailing address, if different: _____
(Complete with city/state/zip) _____

Email address(es): _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/mobile number: _____

School information

Current school name: _____

Current school mailing address: _____
(Complete with city/state/zip) _____

What dates did candidate attend Baranoff Elementary? _____

Signatures certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of your knowledge:

Candidate signature Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature Date: _____

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Section 2: Personal Essay

Please respond to ONE of the prompts listed below. Reminder, please make the essay double spaced, Times New Roman 12pt font with a two-page limit.

Essay Topics:

- Write a letter of advice to a graduating Baranoff 5th grader.
- Tell us about a meaningful memory while at Baranoff.
- “If I knew then what I know now...”

Section 3: Extra-Curricular Activities and Achievement Information

Please list your activities and your achievements. Please type this list using the same requirements as the personal essay: double spaced, Times New Roman 12pt font with a two-page limit. Please be specific and include dates and years. In addition, limit your responses to those achieved while in high school.

- Community and Work Activities*: any employment, volunteer work or community service or activity. Please describe your work or activity and the frequency or length of involvement for each.
- Scholastic Awards*: Examples of such awards are Trustee, Honor Roll, specific subject awards, etc.
- Athletic Achievements and Awards*: Examples could be Track Team - all district junior year, Volleyball captain. Athletic achievements do not need to be limited to school. This section may also include any community athletic groups you participate in where you have received accolades.
- Other Extra-curricular Activities, Talents, Interests, Awards or Honors*: Examples may be FFA, theater, band, Eagle Scout, piano lessons, church youth groups, etc.
- Your college choice(s) and your intended major or career plans*.