

**Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
Scholarship Application**

407 N. Water Street

Burnet, Texas 78611

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Please indicate which scholarship category and semester you are applying for.
(You may apply for more than one scholarship category if you meet the requirements; however,
SEPARATE APPLICATIONS are REQUIRED for each scholarship category.)

_____ High School Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ___ Fall ☒ Spring ___ Summer

_____ College Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ___ Fall ☒ Spring ___ Summer

_____ Athlete Category (High School or College Student) Semester: ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer

_____ Parks & Recreation Employee Category Semester: ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer

Or certification program: _____

Section 1 (Please type)

1. Janssen Paisley J
Last Name First Name MI

2. 2541 Mueller Lang Rd, Cuero, Texas 77954
Mailing Address (Home or Permanent Residence) City State Zip Code

3. 321-571-6826 jenn61979@gmail.com
Home Phone Number Business Phone Number E-Mail

4. Cuero High School - going to Texas State May 23, 2025
High School or College/University attending/graduated Graduation Date

5. High School/College Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4-point scale: _____
(Transcripts must be attached for verification)

Major: Occupational Therapy Semester Hours Attained: _____

Minor: _____ Semester Hours Next Semester: _____

6. West End Boutique - sales associate - 11/2023 - present
Current Employer Job Title Date of Employment

Describe an example of your leadership. Be sure to describe your role and actions and the impact it had on those around you. What did you accomplish?

An example of my leadership roles and actions is in my job. Since I was fifteen, I have worked at a boutique as a sales representative. Throughout my high school years, I have provided excellent customer service, restocked store shelves, worked the cash register, mentored new employees, opened and closed the shop, and worked by myself tending to all the store responsibilities throughout the day. In my senior year, I have had the opportunity to serve as the store manager communicating and motivating other employees to make the store a better place. I set a vision, delegate tasks, and provide feedback to workers and my boss. I adapted as a manager and created a Facebook page for the boutique posting products within the store. I feel like my biggest accomplishment was learning responsibility. As a teenager, I took accountability for buying extra unneeded things that I wanted that my parents couldn't buy. I understand that life is expensive and I wanted to do my part in taking ownership of my extracurricular activities.

Why have you chosen your academic major?

Growing up I have always known I wanted to work with children. Although I never wanted to be a teacher. Summer of 2024, I had the opportunity to be a tech at a Occupational Therapist center where I saw many different children a day and how special it is to be able to help kids that dont have the abilities we do. Seeing the kids on their bad days then coming back later that week and seeing them have a good day is truly heartwarming. I want to be able to change kids' lives and see them achieve their goal.

How does Parks and Recreation have an impact on a community and how does it impact you personally?

Parks and Recreation has an impact on a community by providing an area for the community members to do physical activity like walking trails, basketball, volleyball, fishing, etc... along with social interaction and connection to nature. Being active and being outside can improve mental and physical health. Parks improve community engagement and help community members feel like they belong. Parks offer playgrounds for children to play and develop social skills. Personally, parks and Recreation provide a safe place for me to exercise away from busy streets. Spending time outside helps lower my stress level, clears my thinking, boosts my mood, and helps me appreciate nature.

What if I was awarded this Scholarship

If I was awarded this award, it can be an opportunity to impact Parks and Recreation. This financial award not only helps educational expenses but also would give me the opportunity to contribute to the community. By using this scholarship to further my skills and education, I can give back locally, funding community projects such as outdoors events, cleaning up the side of the roads and educational workshops. These projects bring awareness to the community, to encourage them to all work together to better local parks. As a future Occupational Therapist, outdoors can help patients socially engage and participate with community activities. Not only will this scholarship support my education, it will allow me to bring awareness to the community but to also make a lasting impact, bringing people together.

Describe any educational plans you have beyond earning your bachelor's degree.

After my four years at Texas State, I want to pursue my Doctorate Degree in Occupational Therapy at Texas Tech University. I would like to specialize in working with children who deal with anger management issues.

What are some of your life goals and objectives?

Some of my goals and objectives in life are to further my knowledge, graduate college, and research job opportunities.

In my career, I want to be able to not only help people but be financially stable for my future and family. I want to be able to save for my other future goals that come after college and stay connected with family and friends.

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February 24, 2025

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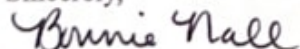
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As a veteran teacher and knowing Paisley personally and through school, I know she would be a perfect candidate to receive any assistance to further her education. She has made me proud to know her, teach her, and I am sure she will continue to impress me with her future endeavors. Please consider this exceptional young lady for any scholarships that she qualifies for. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Nall

7th Grade Math Teacher, Cuero Junior High School
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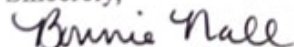
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February 26, 2025

Re: Paisley Janssen
Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Paisley Janssen as a potential scholarship recipient from your organization.

I have known Paisley for approximately 8 years. I first knew her as a family friend through extracurricular activities with my granddaughter and later as my employee. She has been involved in many activities such as dance, softball, track, volleyball, Anchor Club, and National Honor Society, all while maintaining straight A's.

During the time that I have known Paisley, I have been consistently impressed by her character and achievements. I opened my Boutique in September 2022, and she began working for me in November 2022. In addition to her extracurricular activities, she still manages to work approximately 15 hours after school and weekends and full time during the holiday season and summers.

Paisley is a self-starter at work, she is friendly, caring, organized, and very trustworthy. When I am out of the shop, she opens and closes and manages my business without assistance. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that her work is completed to the highest standard, demonstrating a strong work ethic and unwavering dedication to achieving her goals.

I wholeheartedly endorse Paisley Janssen and hope that you will consider her for any scholarships that might be available. I have no doubt that she will achieve her academic goals while pursuing an education in Occupational Therapy.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marsha Bonser, Owner
West End Boutique, Inc,
117 W. Main Street
Cuero, TX 77954
(361) 275-1017

Paisley Janssen

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jenn61979@gmail.com (361)-571-6826

Education:

Cuero High School, 920 E Broadway Street, Cuero, TX 77954

Current Rank: 26 out of 153

Graduation: May 23, 2025

Activities, Awards, and Recognitions:

- Cuero High School Athletics
 - Cuero Freshman Volleyball Team Member, 2021
 - Cuero Varsity Track Member, 2021- 2025
 - State for High Jump 2023
 - Cuero Varsity Softball Member 2022 & 2024
 - Cuero Jv Volleyball Team Member, 2022
 - Cuero High School Athletic Trainer, 2023-2024
- Cuero High School Student Council
 - Member 2023-2025
- Cuero High School Anchor Club
 - Member 2022-2025
- Cuero National Honor Society
 - Member 2022-2025
- Cuero FCA (Family, Career/ Community leaders of America)
 - Member, 2021-2025
- St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
 - Member, 2015
- Cuero FFA
 - Member, 2021-2025
- Arneckeville 4H
 - Member, 2015-2025

Awards:

- Cuero school Achievement award for Geometry(freshman year 2021-22)

- Blue ribbon awards in 4H, along with grand champion award in photography(2018-2024)
- Texas Amateur Federation awards- six 1st place awards in regional meets, three state level silver medal and one gold medal(2019-2024)

Work Experience:

- Childcare provider, 2021 till present, cared for three children for hours at a time, playing with them, supervising them, feeding them, bathing them as needed while their parents were absent. (6 hrs on weekends)
- Sales associate at WestEnd Boutique, 2021 till present. Provided customer service by greeting and assisting customers. Assisted with in-store promotions and stocking. Organized product displays. Work cash register. Clean changing rooms, vacuum floors, and take out the trash. (Hours per week being 40 hrs during summer and 18 hrs during school weeks.)
- Tech assistant at Building Kid Steps, June 2024- July 2024. Assisted with cleaning equipment and toys. Gave assistance to children as needed with occupational therapy. (20hrs per week)

Service/Volunteer Work:

- Volunteered at the concession stand for Friends of Softball. Received orders and served food/drinks to customers. Checked and stocked supplies in the fridge and on the counter area. Maintained cleanliness of the concession stand. Took money for items sold and gave change back to customers. (2 times a week, each game being 3hrs. 6 hrs per week for a month plus play days, being 8hrs twice a year. 60 hrs for all 3 years)
- Service work with the NHS. Picked up trash in stands after football games. (1 day per week for 2 hrs, four times out of the year. 24hrs for all years)
- Service work at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Altar server during CCD masses. Supported priest tasks by fetching and carrying

things, ringing the altar bell, helping bring up the gifts, and bringing up the liturgical books. (6hrs for 1 year)

- Service work with St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Assisted work the kid games area for church picnic. Helped set up games, work stations, give prizes, and take down games after the picnic was complete. (All day once a year, 16hrs for all three years.)

Exceptional Personal Circumstances

When I entered Cuero High School, like many, I was the new girl. I had transferred to Cuero High School from Meyersville School where I only had around 10 classmates. Starting a new school with around 160 classmates was intimidating and hard. I didn't have any friends and though I played sports, I didn't feel like I fit in. I started learning who I was and what I was and wasn't good at. I met new friends and joined school clubs. I realized I was good at high jump and told the coach that I would like to try out for the varsity track team. Like many high school teens, I got into a toxic relationship that let me control myself and everything I did. All though one thing I didn't let him control was my love for high jump. After years of practicing on a mattress from the side of the road, I finally got to practice on the varsity pit. My freshman year I broke my PR and jumped five eight. Right when I did that I knew something was off with my knee. I still went on with my next event but when I was warming up I kept hearing it pop. Immediately I went to the trainer to see what he thought was happening. He didn't let me run hurdles that day and told me to go get it checked out. After working hard all of those years did I ever think that one day it would change everything. Finding out I tore my MCL, it devastated me. How can an injury change your whole perspective on a sport? Six weeks later, a surgery later and another six weeks later, I finally had my mcl repaired. My mindset of being scared of getting hurt again has stayed with me to this day. Sophomore year was a rollercoaster. From having good meets to not even wanting to jump, I made it all the way to state. With sports you have some good days and some days are worse than the other. State day didn't go as planned but the confident booster that made it to state gave me a hope that I would make it back the next year but my knee was still giving me problems. After MRIs, several shots, different medication, and many people telling me I was just faking it, I finally got diagnosed with CRPS. Although my junior year didn't go how I wanted it to. It has taught me a lesson to never give up and never take things for granted. My mother has never doubted me and my ability for the sport. I have been blessed with a loving family that has always pushed me to do better and has always been there every step of the way. Years of trying to fight to figure out what is wrong with my knee has shown me who my real friends are and has shown me what coaches will be there every step of the way. It has taught me and shaped me into the person that I am by living in the moment and to never give up when things get hard. I am now going into my senior year with a new coach, and a new mindset of I can do it, keeping my head up and not letting anything stop me from doing the sport I love the most.

Hi, my name is Paisley Janssen and I am writing this essay for the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Scholarship. I plan to attend Texas State University to get a degree in Occupational therapy. It is important to me to still be close to my family yet pursue my goal of becoming an Occupational therapist. I want to focus on my bachelor degree first then be able to start a life of my own while being close to my family. Growing up I have always known I wanted to work with children. Although I ever wanted to be a teacher, I knew I wanted to teach and help kids grow and learn. In the Summer of 2024, I had the opportunity to be an assistant at an Occupational Therapist Center where I saw many different children throughout the day. Working with these children was very special to me and being able to help kids that do not have the abilities that everyone else does inspired me. Having seen the kids on their bad days then coming back another day to see them on a good day was truly heartwarming. I personally want to be able to change kids lives and see them achieve their goal with improvement.

Other life goals and objectives would be to continue to further my knowledge after college at Texas State University and pursue my Doctorate Degree in Occupational Therapy at Texas Tech University. I would love to specialize in working with children who deal with anger management issues. As an Occupational Therapist, I want to be able to change someone's life by helping them lessen or adapt to their disabilities. If I can improve my patient's basic tasks and know that I made a difference, that would mean the world to me. One day, I would also like to help families less fortunate as me and serve Christ in the world he wanted and loved.

I have done summer track for many years and competed in TAAF games of Texas for the past four years receiving silver medals for high jump. As a senior, I hope to again compete at TAAF games of Texas again and bring home another award.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paisley Janssen