

## LETTER OF REFERENCE

SUBJECT: Letter of Reference for Libni Gutierrez

To Whom this May Concern,

It is with great honor that I have been selected to write this letter of reference for Libni Gutierrez. I have had the privilege of knowing Libni for the duration of her High School Career. My first impression of this young lady was that she was humble, respectful and always smiling. Libni is an excellent athlete, but aside from athletics, as many letters of reference that you read daily about many great applicants there is so much more that is special about Libni. She simply takes a lot of pride in everything she does. As a former Staff Sergeant in the United States Army, I have been fortunate to be around many young soldiers who I have witnessed mature into responsible adults. I am reminded of those soldiers when I see young adults like Libni. I have witnessed leadership attributes in Libni that are very hard to find in many young adults of this generation. In my presence, she has consistently displayed unlimited potential and drives to excel at high levels of responsibility. She exudes confidence and has an outgoing and friendly personality that allows her to get along with others very well in any setting. I admire her for her intelligence, and I am impressed by her discipline as an independent learner. As a Youth Coach, one of our most important goals is conveying to the children the importance of giving back to their community. Libni is a mentor for the middle school athletes and helps them to raise their self-esteem, encouraging good behavior and helping them to make good choices. Libni ranks in the top 15 percent of her class. She is in the Honor Society, and she is a Certified Medical Assistant. This is no surprise because this is who she is. She has done all the right things to get to this point and mentoring others is simply a part of the gold standard.

I am confident that Libni is more than worthy of any student aid opportunities. She will utilize this opportunity to better herself and I guarantee that anywhere she goes that she will leave it better than she found it. Libni is more than just a student athlete to me. She is an extended part of my family, a daughter and a friend. It will be sad to see her move on but as we all know, life comes to us at 100 miles an hour and now it is time for them to fly.

There is no doubt in my mind that she will continue to make us all proud as she takes flight in life. With that being said, Libni Gutierrez has my highest recommendation, and I know she will make the best of the opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this recommendation.

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Head Coach, South Texas Punishers

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# **Texas Amateur Athletic Federation**

Student, Athlete & Employee  
Scholarship Application



*Promoting, Organizing and Conducting  
Athletic Opportunities in the State of  
Texas Since 1925*

# TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Scholarship is funded by contributions from public and private sectors. These funds are set up in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Foundation. This scholarship is available in three categories. It is offered to Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athletes, both past and present; parks and recreation employees; and high school and/or college students seeking undergraduate or post graduate degrees in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. A description of each category to be awarded is listed below.

The application and all requested documentation under the scholarship category for which you are applying are due to the T.A.A.F. State Office via email ([ginger@taaf.com](mailto:ginger@taaf.com)) by March 31st of each year. Announcement of selected individuals will be made at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Mid-Year meeting in April/May each year, for the upcoming fall, spring and summer semesters. To obtain detailed information regarding the program please contact:

**Texas Amateur Athletic Federation**  
**407 N. Water Street**  
**Burnet, Texas 78611**  
**Phone (512) 863-9400**  
[www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com)

## **Dan Whitworth Memorial Student Scholarships**

Educational assistance available to graduating high school students or college students who are pursuing degree programs in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation with the intent to enter the recreation, parks and leisure service field as a career.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

#### **Graduating High School Student/High School Graduate:**

- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Has a high school class ranking of at least the top quarter or a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a minimum of 850-SAT, minimum score of 21 on ACT.

#### **College or University Student:**

- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.

- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- Must possess a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or pass on a pass/fail system from the previous semester.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in: activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work, etc. related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- SAT or ACT score
- Grade point average
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

### **Linda Cornelius Athlete Category**

Educational assistance is available to a **past or present Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athlete**, seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, at an accredited college or university, and in an accredited degree program.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must have competed in one or more Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state level competitions or state tournaments.
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Or, currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in, activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

## **Employee Category**

Educational assistance is available for part-time and/or full-time employees currently working in the parks and recreation field, whose **current employer** does not provide any continuing education or tuition funding and **is a current T.A.A.F. Member City**. Assistance is to be used for Bachelors, Masters and/or Doctoral degrees that may qualify them for future job enhancements and opportunities.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Currently a regular, part-time and/or full-time employee working a minimum of 15 hours per week with at least 6 months of continuous service at one or more Member Cities at time of application.
- Must be demonstrating satisfactory work performance.
- Must not have received a formal disciplinary action in the preceding 6 months prior to the application submittal.
- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university and those seeking a degree in parks, recreation and tourism sciences, sports sciences / leisure services, public administration or related field.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Must not be employed by an entity that currently provides full tuition reimbursement.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- If not currently enrolled at a college or university, you may also apply for tuition to attend an accredited professional development training to obtain an industry relevant certification credential (CPO, ASO, CYSA, CPSI, etc).

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Will the educational goal relate to a field in the parks and recreation profession?
- What contributions will the educational course or certification provide to the parks and recreation profession?
- Submittal of all requested documentation.
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee.

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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

\_\_\_\_\_ Linda Cornelius 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. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name MI

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (Home or Permanent Residence) City State Zip Code

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number Business Phone Number E-Mail

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Hours Attained: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Hours Next Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Employer Job Title Date of Employment

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**Section 2** (Attach the additional sheets provided if necessary)

1. Describe volunteer and leadership experiences, accomplishments, honors, recognitions and awards received. These experiences may include academic, job related, and/or community service organizations with which you have been involved. Include your position and length of involvement.

## Activities

## Dates

[illegible]

2. Please list your chosen or anticipated field of study and explain why you believe the field is important.

[illegible]

3. How does Parks and Recreation have an impact on a community? How has it impacted you personally?

[illegible]



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4. If awarded this scholarship, how would you utilize your educational experience to make an impact on the parks and recreation / leisure services profession in your community or society as a whole?

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5. Explain your career goals upon graduation.

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6. Are there any other factors you would like us to consider in evaluating your application? If so, please explain.

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Additional Comments:

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**Section 3 (Please attach the following documentation under the scholarship category you are applying for)**

**Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - High School Student Category**

- Letter of acceptance from a College or University. Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 semester hours in classes directly related to acquiring a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation will be required upon registration and prior to the awarding of scholarship funds.
- Official High School transcript (to include class rank and/or GPA)
- Official college entrance examination score
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

**Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - College Student Category**

- Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 hours from a College or University with accredited programs relating to a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

**Linda Cornelius Athlete Category (High School or College Student)**

- Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state competition roster(s) or individual sports card(s) and/or a letter detailing the state event(s) participated in, location, year, and region you represented.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

**Parks & Recreation Employee Category**

- Employer verification of your continuous service, employee classification, satisfactory work performance, and that no disciplinary action exists in the preceding 6 months of this application.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation from your current agency executive / director.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

**STATE OF TEXAS  
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD  
(ACCREDITED)**

GUTIERREZ, LIBNI SIMEI  
Student ID: 2251057

DOB : 04/11/2007  
FEMALE  
Hispanic, White  
GRADE : 12

Parents/Guardian  
ESTEFANI GUTIERREZ  
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CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412

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FLOUR BLUFF H S  
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CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-4798  
(361) 694-9100  
CCBC: 441500

**END OF COURSE**

English I : Meets	Spring 2022
English II: Meets	Spring 2023
Biology : Masters	Spring 2022
Algebra I : Masters	Spring 2021
US History: Meets	Spring 2024

**Schools Awarding Credit**  
2023 178914001/178914001

2021 178914001/178914001  
2024 178914001/178914001

2022 178914001/178914001  
2025 178914001/

	SM1	SM2	AVG	CR		SM1	SM2	AVG	CR
<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>					22/23 FREN 2	99	97	98	1.00
21/22 ENG 1:H	95	97	96	1.00	<b>FINE ARTS</b>				
22/23 ENG 2:H	90			.50	24/25 TH1TECH	99			.50
22/23 ENG 2:H		94		.50	<b>CAREER/TECH ED</b>				
23/24 ENG 3:D	88			.50	21/22 PRINHLSC	95	92	94	1.00
23/24 ENG 3:D		87		.50	22/23 HLTHSCI:A	96	96	96	1.00
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>					22/23 MEDTERM:A		94	94	1.00
20/21 ALG 1:J	93	98	96	1.00	23/24 ANATPHYS	93	91	92	1.00
21/22 GEOM:H	93	89	91	1.00	23/24 PRACHLS1:H	98	93	96	2.00
22/23 ALG 2:H	92	91	92	1.00	23/24 PROFCOMM	93		93	.50
23/24 APSTATS:P	87	83	85	1.00	24/25 PRACHLS2:H	99		99	1.00
<b>SCIENCE</b>					24/25 PRINIT	99		99	.50
21/22 BIO	93	95	94	1.00	<b>OTHER ELECTIVES</b>				
22/23 CHEM	99	98	99	1.00	21/22 MAPS		98	98	1.00
24/25 PHYSICS:H	91		91	.50					
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>									
21/22 W GEO	99		99	1.00					
22/23 PSYCH	95		95	.50					
23/24 US HIST	92	87	90	1.00					
23/24 APUSGOVT:DR		93	93	.50					
<b>ECON/FREE ENT</b>									
24/25 ECO-FE:D,Z	91		91	.50					
<b>P.E./EQUIVALENT</b>									
21/22 SUBATH1	P	P		1.00					
22/23 SUBATH2	P	P		1.00					
23/24 SUBATH3		P		.50					
24/25 SUBATH4	P			.50					
<b>OTHER LANGUAGE</b>									
21/22 FREN 1	100	99	100	1.00					

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Credit Totals: State 27.50 Local .00

Date of Class Rank: 02/04/2025  
Rank: 53 Class Size: 431  
GPA: 98.6122  
Quartile: 1  
FHSP Speech Req Met Date: 12/15/2023  
CPR Instruction Met Date: 02/01/2024  
Financial Aid Appl Req Met Date:  
Date Printed: 02/04/2025  
Performance Acknowledgements

Texas Grant Academic Indicator:  
Date of Certificate:  
Date of Graduation :  
Graduation Program Type: FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM  
Peace Officer Interact Met Date:  
First Early HS Completion Program:  
Advanced Measures:  
Distinguish Lvl of Achievement (Pursued)  
Endorsements  
-Public Services (Pursued)



Official Signature