

**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: x Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

X _____ 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)

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| 1. | Reardon | Sydney | AG |
| | Last Name | First Name | MI |
| 2. | 3604 Mountain Ranch Road | Roanoke | Texas 76262 |
| | Mailing Address (Home or Permanent Residence) | City | State Zip Code |
| 3. | 817-888-7248 | 817-994-9363 | sydneyagrace@icloud.com |
| | Home Phone Number | Business Phone Number | E-Mail |
| 4. | Southeastern Oklahoma State University | | May 2027 |
| | High School or College/University attending/graduated | | Graduation Date |
| 5. | High School/College Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4-point scale: | | 4.00 |
| | (Transcripts must be attached for verification) | | |
| | Major: Aviation - Professional Pilot | Semester Hours Attained: | 65 |
| | Minor: Political Science | Semester Hours Next Semester: | 15 |
| 6. | Dove Creek Cafe | Waitress | 6/13/2023 |
| | 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dove Creek Cafe, Roanoke, Texas — Waitress — 2023-present

Greater Northwest Soccer Association, Roanoke, Texas — Soccer Referee — 2019-2023

The Campbell Agency/Freelancer — Model/Actress/Voiceover Artist — 2005-2025

Durant ISD, Durant, Oklahoma — Substitute Teacher — 2025-present

AWARDS

American Legion Outstanding Student Award, Liberty Christian School — Awarded to one male and one female who exhibit courage, patriotism, honor, scholarship, leadership, and service

John Massey Leadership Scholars Program, Southeastern Oklahoma State University — Awarded/offered to only ten students of each Freshman class; inaugural class member

Top 10 Freshman Award Recipient, Southeastern Oklahoma State University — Awarded to ten Freshmen who demonstrate academic excellence and extensive campus involvement

Freshman Success Academic Achievement Award, Southeastern Oklahoma State University — Awarded to a select group of first-time freshmen who have earned a grade point average of 3.25 or higher in the Fall of 2024

INVOLVEMENT

Cheerleading, Southeastern Oklahoma State University — 2023-present

Student Government Senator, Southeastern Oklahoma State University — 2024-present

Women in Aviation 2nd-year Vice President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

The Ninety-Nines Member, International Organization of Women Pilots — 2022-present

Miss Oklahoma Local Pageant Titleholder 2024, Miss America Organization

Miss Texas Local Titleholder, Miss Roanoke 2023 and Miss Plano 2025: Won 8 top category awards at the Miss Texas 2023 Competition, Miss America Organization — Extensive volunteer work as a pageant titleholder including school visits, community events, service projects, personal community service initiative development and promotion, etc.

Leadership Academy Impact Leader (Middle School Formal Mentor), Liberty Christian School — 2021-2023

National Honor Society Historian, Liberty Christian School — 2022-2023

Greater Northwest Soccer Association, Middle School Assistant Coach — 2022

Gateway Church Justin, Children's Ministry — 2022-2023

Warrior Dance Team, Daddy Daughter Dance and Junior Clinic Volunteer — 2020-2023

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

Growing up in a family filled with aviation, with my mom being employed as a flight attendant, I have developed a great love for travel, along with seeing the world and experiencing other cultures. That love for travel, connection, and lifelong learning has now emerged into my very own career goal of becoming a pilot for a commercial airline.

Of all commercial airline pilots, currently, only a small 7% are women. This is something that I believe demands an increase. I am looking to grow a rewarding career, where I can not only make a great living for myself doing my passion but take my mom along with me to do our passion...seeing, learning, and loving other cultures around the world. I aspire to be self-sufficient and successful in my career, but also inspire other young, female aviators to see the world, accomplish their goals, and reach their dreams, from the flight deck and beyond.

I am thrilled to spend my college years learning to navigate the friendly skies and as I move into my next chapter of life, I am looking to build a livelihood that will not only be diverse and fulfilling but also allow for time for involvement in the youth, political, business world, as well. I would even love to be a youth sports coach one day soon. A college degree certainly allows for more opportunity in the workforce and diversity in knowledge and skillset, which is why I chose to go the university route for my aviation career. I believe knowledge is power and I wanted to take every educational opportunity I could.

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

Parks and Recreation not only fosters unity and comradery in a community through events and gatherings but encourages healthy living habits and a culture of teamwork and empowerment through both recreational activities and competitive sports. Personally, some of my dearest friends were made through sports. I have so many sweet memories from my years of track and swimming with TAAF, but one stands out the most. My junior year of high school, I discovered my passion for hurdling as a track athlete. My first meet, I placed 2nd, and was thrilled for the next meet, which was the district competition. However, after the gun went off, I made it about halfway and was in the lead. When I got to the fourth hurdle, I tripped and hit the ground. Since I had been so excited for this meet, this loss hit me hard and I spent a lot of time in tears that night. However, after the conclusion of the season, I joined a summer club track team because I was eager to work on my technique and consistency, so I could avoid devastating mistakes such as the one at district. I placed 4th at regionals, qualifying for state in the 300m hurdles. I then put in consistent work on my own in the summer mornings leading up to the state competition. This allowed me to come back thriving with an over 3 second PR and a 5th place finish in the TAAF Summer Games. Using my setback as motivation to work hard and better myself proved very fruitful.

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?

I believe in living life as a multi-faceted individual. As a pilot, cheerleader, waitress, athlete, youth mentor, student, and local Miss Texas titleholder, I truly have so many avenues to be a blessing and inspiration to others and I desire to not take any opportunity for granted. I will continue my commitment to fostering unity and health in my community through volunteerism, parks/recreation involvement, and attendance at community events. I have a passion for athletics, recreation, and community, and I cannot wait to continue my involvement and give back to those now coming after me.

5. Explain your career goals upon graduation.

I plan to become a commercial pilot for an airline. I would also love to continue working with youth in some capacity, such as recreational sports coaching, etc.

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

In addition to tuition, room and board, and fees, flight hours are a substantial and additional financial burden. Receiving this scholarship would help offset this cost and allow me to pursue my dreams without this stressor. This award would truly be a blessing from an organization I love and value.

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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

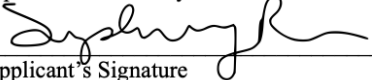
Linda Cornelius Athlete Category (High School or College Student)

- 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.

The application and all requested documentation under the scholarship category you are applying for, is due to the T.A.A.F. state office via email (ginger@taaf.com) by **March 31st** of each year. Application will be null and void if all documentation is not received in specified time frames and if the applicant falsifies any documentation in the application.


Applicant's Signature

3/29/2025

Date

ID: 0161162
 Name: Sydney A. Reardon
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Unofficial Transcript
 Date Printed: 29-Mar-2025

COURSE	Course Title	Grade	Hours	Points
Fall Semester 2023				
AVIA1004	PRIMARY GROUND INSTRUCTION	A	4.00	16.00
AVIA1041	PRIVATE FLYING HONORS	P	1.00	.....
BIOL1404	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY I HONORS	A	4.00	16.00
COMM2213	BUS & PROFESS SPEAKING-HONORS	A	3.00	12.00
ORIE1002	COLLEGE SUCCESS-HONORS	A	2.00	8.00
	Attempt	Earned	Points	Divisor GPA
Term	14.00	14.00	52.00	13.00 4.000
Ret/Grad	14.00	14.00	52.00	13.00 4.000
Cum	14.00	14.00	52.00	13.00 4.000

Fall Semester 2023				
Credit Granted for Advanced Placement				
ECON2113	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	P	3.00	.....
ECON2213	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	P	3.00	.....
ENG1113	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I & II	P	3.00	.....
ENG1213	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I & II	P	3.00	.....
PHYS1004	GENERAL PHYSICS	P	4.00	.....
POSC1513	US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	P	3.00	.....
STAT2153	STATISTICAL METHODS	P	3.00	.....
	Attempt	Earned	Points	Divisor GPA
Term	22.00	22.00	0.00	0.00 0.000
Ret/Grad	36.00	36.00	52.00	13.00 4.000
Cum	36.00	36.00	52.00	13.00 4.000

Spring Semester 2024				
AVIA2083	COMMERCIAL PERFORM®ULATION	A	3.00	12.00
AVIA3003	AVIA METEOROLOGY	A	3.00	12.00
AVIA3511	ADV COMM MANEUVERS FLIGHT	I	1.00	.....
HIST1513	US HISTORY TO 1876	A	3.00	12.00
PSY1113	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	A	3.00	12.00
	Attempt	Earned	Points	Divisor GPA
Term	13.00	12.00	48.00	12.00 4.000
Ret/Grad	49.00	48.00	100.00	25.00 4.000
Cum	49.00	48.00	100.00	25.00 4.000

Fall Semester 2024				
AVIA3173	AVIATION SAFETY	A	3.00	12.00
AVIA3284	INSTRUMENT GROUND INSTRUCTION	A	4.00	16.00
AVIA3521	INSTRUMENT RATING FLIGHT	I	1.00	.....
CIS1003	COMPUTERS IN SOCIETY	A	3.00	12.00
HUM2223	MODERN HUMANITIES	A	3.00	12.00
SPAN1113	SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS	A	3.00	12.00
	Attempt	Earned	Points	Divisor GPA
Term	17.00	16.00	64.00	16.00 4.000
Ret/Grad	66.00	64.00	164.00	41.00 4.000
Cum	66.00	64.00	164.00	41.00 4.000

Spring Semester 2025				
AVIA3113	AVIATION LEGAL PROBLEMS	CIP	3.00	.....
AVIA3123	COMMERCIAL OPERATION	CIP	3.00	.....
AVIA3451	INTRO ADVANCED TECH AIRCRAFT	A	1.00	4.00
MATH2143	BRIEF CALCULUS W/APPLICATIONS	CIP	3.00	.....
MUS1113	MUSIC IN AMERICAN SOCIETY	CIP	3.00	.....

POSC3513	US CONSTITUTIONAL LAW			CIP	3.00	.....
	Attempt	Earned	Points	Divisor		GPA
Term	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00		4.000
Ret/Grad	67.00	65.00	168.00	42.00		4.000
Cum	67.00	65.00	168.00	42.00		4.000

End of Transcript

3/25/2025

To whom it may concern,

It is with absolute ease and certainty that I recommend Sydney Reardon.

I had Sydney in Introduction to Psychology spring 2024. Not only did Sydney score the highest in the class, but she also received more points than any student I have had in the last 10 years. She missed one question on the first test, zero questions on the next two tests, and wrote a research paper that could easily pass as a junior or senior level paper. She had perfect attendance as was consistently pleasant and engaged in the classroom.

As clearly indicated by her resume, she has already established herself as a leader on campus. Between SGA, Cheerleading, and her engagement with groups connected to her major, I can't remember seeing someone this involved and maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. In recognition of her efforts, Sydney was selected as a Top Ten Freshman in fall 2024.

She is responsible, personable, and dependable. I would recommend her without the slightest of reservations.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tim Boatman

Vice-President, Emeritus

Adjunct Instructor of Psychology and Native American Leadership