

## **The Public Affairs Luncheon Club 2026-2027 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Originally organized in 1932, PALC is an educational, non-partisan organization formed to encourage its' members to take a thoughtful, informed, and active interest in governmental affairs and functions. To this end, PALC holds monthly luncheon meetings during the school year to hear from eminent, outstanding professionals and business authorities on subjects of current importance.

This will be our twenty-seventh (27th) year to offer a scholarship to a graduating Dallas area high school senior who has achieved high standards of scholarship coupled with an interest in public affairs and participation in community leadership. One first place \$5,000 scholarship award will solely be payable upon proof of matriculation from the college of the student's choice and with written evidence of matriculation must be submitted as proof of enrollment via email to [president@dpalc.com](mailto:president@dpalc.com) by September of the student's freshman year. **If matriculation is not received as stipulated, the scholarship will be forfeited, and the award funds will be rolled over to the next scholarship year.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- You are a high school senior, graduating this school year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher (or the equivalent).
- You have volunteered for school, community and/or political organizations or have worked.
- You are not a relative of a PALC officer or director.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) Essay response (1-3 pages double spaced) to the following question:

*The United States is a Republic. Why do you think the founders of the United States chose to form a Republic rather than a Democracy and how does this choice benefit all of us as citizens?*

Essay must have the following statement printed and signed with **student's own signature** at its conclusion:

"I attest that the research, opinions and writing of this essay are entirely my own work and that no AI/artificial intelligence contributed to its' creation".

- (2) Two Letters of Recommendation

- From a high school teacher or counselor who knows you and can attest to your academic achievements and school leadership.
- From a supervisor from your volunteer or paying work who can verify your length of service, character and commitment to community and public affairs.

- (3) Application Submission and Deadline

- A complete application includes (1) application form, (2) official school transcript, (3) minimum SAT of 1250, minimum ACT score of 30 and AP test scores, (4) essay, and

(5) two letters of recommendation on letter head and signed with telephone number as we may contact them for verification.

- **Application DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2027.**
- Submit by email to president@dpalc.com (with a separate email confirming your submission) or by U.S. mail to “PALC (ATTN: Scholarship Committee), P.O. Box 12625 Dallas TX 75225.”

**(4) Only fully completed applications will be considered. Applications missing required documents will be considered ineligible.**

The winner will be notified in early May and honored at the May annual meeting of the Club which is held May 2027. Notice will be given to the winner in writing by email and/or US Mail.