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## **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SIGN COMMITMENT TO TEACH IN ECISD**

(Odessa, TX.) The Education Foundation of Odessa will be awarding four [UT Permian Basin](#) students scholarships on Monday, August 10 at 1:00 pm via a Facebook live event. As part of the scholarship, the students have committed to teach at Ector County ISD for at least 2 years after they graduate.

“Ector County ISD is committed to investing in talent. One of the best ways to begin this process is by investing in current or former students that want to join our team,” said Ashley Osborne, Executive Director of Talent Development for ECISD. “The Education Foundation Scholarship is a generous reminder that our community is also committed to investing in ECISD. We are excited that as a result of the scholarship, four of our former students will be able to join us as we make a positive impact on students and ultimately on our community. We treasure the partnership with the Education Foundation and appreciate the continued support!”

The Education Foundation of Odessa Scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, fees, books, and a meal plan. Graduates of Ector County high schools who maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and plan on a degree and career in teaching are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

**To adhere to recommended social distancing rules and for the safety of everyone, this event will be private but we hope that you will join us live on the [ECISD Facebook page](#) and help share this positive news with the Odessa community.**

The four students who have received the Education Foundation of Odessa Scholarship at UT Permian Basin are:

Arlene Heras, Permian HS graduate  
Daniela Garcia, Permian HS graduate  
Sophia Rutledge, OCTECHS graduate  
Katelynn Miller, Permian HS graduate

“The Education Foundation is honored to continue our partnership with UT Permian Basin to provide a means for ECISD graduates to further their education after high school. It is a bonus to have those students desire a career in teaching, right here in ECISD,” said Celeste Potter, Education Foundation Director. “Our goal with this scholarship is to not only support our students but to help ECISD build a pool of highly qualified applicants to mold our next generation of learners.”

### **About Education Foundation of Odessa**

The Education Foundation of Odessa is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization of citizens who share a vision of enhancing education in ECISD. The Education Foundation of Odessa provides a new and innovative source of funding to support the school district’s educational plan. The Foundation does not attempt to replace lost state funding, nor does it attempt to take the place

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of the district's operating budget. When considering the level of funding required to educate students, the Foundation can expect only to provide funds for those projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience. Such initiatives provide enrichment, research opportunities, teacher training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready... WORLD-READY!

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