

HAL BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP

The City of Schertz has established the Hal Baldwin Scholarship to encourage high school seniors who are residents of Schertz to consider public service as a career path in education, local, state and/or federal government. The scholarship honors Hal Baldwin, who served the City for more than 30 years as a civic volunteer, an employee, a Councilmember, and Mayor. Mayor Baldwin's biography is attached.

The Hal Baldwin Scholarship is awarded annually on a competitive basis. Any currently enrolled high school senior residing in Schertz is eligible to apply. This includes home-schooled students as well as students who live in Schertz but attend high school in another city, state, or country.

The Scholarship award may be used for tuition or other fees or expenses for any full-time post-secondary school which is accredited by a state, regional, or national accreditation agency and which may be a traditional 2 or 4 year institution or other educational institution offering courses, degrees, or other training suitable to a public service career in education, local, state, and/or federal government.

Students desiring to be considered for the Scholarship must attend at least **two** Schertz City Council meetings during the months of March through April 2021, prior to submitting the application described below. Regular City Council meetings are held the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month, beginning at 6 pm. Students must sign in with the City Secretary at the meetings they're attending. At the meetings, students should follow the agenda from beginning to end and observe the elected officials, City staff, residents and other persons at the meetings. Please check the city website www.schertz.com for any changes to the City Council meeting schedule.

UPDATE: Due to COVID-19, students are encouraged to watch a City Council meeting on the City's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofSchertz>

Applicants must also complete and sign the attached Application Cover Page and include the following documents to his/her Application Cover Page:

1. Student's résumé
2. **Two** statements:
 - (a) A statement that describes what the meaning of public service is to you, and
 - (b) A statement regarding the student's educational goals and career intentions that reflects his or her interest in public service in education, local, state and/or federal government
3. **Two** essays:

- (a) An essay that identifies which meetings you attended and that discusses a topic that was on the agenda at the meetings you attended that made an impression on you, and
 - (b) A second essay that discusses “Why do you want to be a public servant and what would make you a good candidate to be one?”
4. **Two** letters of recommendation:
- (a) One from one of the applicant’s high school teachers
 - (b) One from any person who is **not** a relative
 - (c) Home-schooled students must present one letter of recommendation from an instructor and one from any person who is **not** a relative

Deliver the Application Cover Page and the required attachments to the City Manager’s Office of the City of Schertz in a sealed envelope marked “Hal Baldwin Scholarship Application”. **Complete Application packages must be received by the City Manager’s Office no later than the close of business on April 30, 2021.**

The quality of your writing will be an important factor in judging your Application; we urge you to proofread your work and give careful attention to your analysis and to proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

A scholarship committee panel will review each complete Application package and submit the panel’s recommended Scholarship recipient(s)’ name(s) to the Schertz City Council. The City Council will finalize the winner(s) no later than May 25, 2021 and is expected to present the Scholarship at the May 25, 2021 City Council meeting at the City of Schertz City Council Chambers. At that meeting, the winner(s) will be asked to briefly summarize their thoughts as expressed in their essays.

The Scholarship winner(s) will receive payment directly from the City upon receipt of evidence of registration or enrollment in a qualifying educational institution.

Each year, the winner(s)’ name will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Schertz Council Chamber.

For more information, contact Sarah Gonzalez at 210-619-1015 or by email: sgonzalez@schertz.com.

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Biography of Hal Baldwin

Hal Baldwin served the City of Schertz in many capacities. He was a civic volunteer, a City employee, a City Councilmember, and Mayor. He was initially appointed to the Schertz City Council in 1983, serving continuously through his election to Mayor in 1994. Mayor Baldwin was a founding member of the City's volunteer EMS organization, and he served as Assistant City Manager/Tax Collector from 1974 through 1980. Mayor Baldwin served as the Schertz-Cibolo Universal City Independent School District business manager from April 1980 until his retirement in June 1998. As Mayor, he was responsible for leading and governing the City of now nearly 40,000 people living within 28 square miles of property encompassing parts of three counties: Guadalupe, Comal and Bexar. Under his leadership, the City has nearly doubled in population, and it continues to develop economically and financially.

A public servant his entire adult life, the Mayor retired from the United States Air Force, having achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant.

Mayor Baldwin was born in Wichita, Kansas, but as a military dependent, he grew up around the globe. He graduated of Central High School, Bushy Park Air Base, London, England. After graduating in 1953 from Central at the tender age of eighteen, Hal returned to El Paso, Texas and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in February, 1954 and reported to technical training school at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, to attend a General Drafting course. Upon graduation, he received orders to report to the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan. He was assigned to the 529th Aircraft Control and Warning Group as a draftsman. In April, 1955, he was reassigned to the 624th Aircraft Control and Warning Group on Kume Shima, a small island radar warning site in the South China Sea.

In January, 1956, he returned to the continental United States and was assigned to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia as a Technical Draftsman in the base Training Aids shop. Early 1960, the base Training Aids shop was moved to Perrin Air Force Base, Dennison, Texas. While at Perrin Air Force Base, Hal's job classification was changed from Draftsman to Illustrator.

In late 1965, President Johnson began a large troop build-up in Vietnam and Hal transferred to the 7th Air Force Headquarters, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam. He was assigned to the 7th Air Force Graphics, responsible for all briefing aids and statistical data presented to the command Staff relating to the war. Upon returning to the US, Hal was assigned to the Technical Training School, Closed Circuit Television Branch at Shepherd Air Force Base, Texas. In December 1967, he was transferred to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Hal completed his military career as a Senior Master Sergeant serving as noncommissioned officer in charge of the Command Graphics Branch, Presentations Division, Headquarters, Air Training Command in April 1974.

In support of his family, Hal tended bar, did commercial art work, designed and painted signs and ran a silk-screening business. Married 55 years to Barbara Carlo, they have five children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mayor Baldwin was a Charter Member of the Schertz Area Facility for Emergency Services (S.A.F.E.S.), past president of the Schertz-Cibolo Valley Lion's Club, a life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8315, and a 1st Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6358.

Mayor Baldwin passed away on April 6, 2012, leaving a remarkable legacy of service and community commitment.

