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**\$82,000 in Scholarships Available**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

### SCHEDULE

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Application Deadline	November 1, 2023
Essay	November 6, 2023 - Essay topic sent to participants via email November 27, 2023 - Essay deadline
Contestant Interviews	Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 5:00PM-9:00PM
Date Options (Applicant will select one date, as available)	Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 9:00AM-4:00PM
Announcement of Scholars	Friday, December 22, 2024

### AWARDS

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All participants that successfully complete the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program will receive an equal scholarship amount to be used at the college of their choice.

Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Top Male	\$7,500 Scholarship
Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Top Female	\$7,500 Scholarship
Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program Scholars	\$3,500 Scholarship
Leo Rios Community Service Scholarship	\$1,000 Scholarship
Karen Atwood Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000 Scholarship

### SPECIAL RULES

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**1. ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is limited to legal Texas residents of Aransas, Bee, Duval, Goliad, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria Counties who are currently attending an accredited Texas high school or homeschool. Participants must be in their senior year of high school.

Participants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 GPA scale or a 90 or higher on a 100 scale at time of entry.

Immediate family members of Buccaneer Commissioners and staff are not eligible for the Program. The Buccaneer Commission Governing Board reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation for entry to any Participant.

The Buccaneer Commission, Inc. does not advocate, support, or practice discrimination based on race, religion, age, national origin, language, sex, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap or any other personal attribute protected by law, except where affirmative action may be required to redress individual or social handicaps.

Information including GPA, Date of Birth, level in school, and gender will be confirmed by the official transcript.

**2. ENTRY:** The online entry application is available at [www.BucDays.com](http://www.BucDays.com). Deadline is **November 1, 2023**.

Transcripts must be submitted by deadline to complete the application. Transcripts may be emailed to [lindslee@bucdays.com](mailto:lindslee@bucdays.com). Transcripts may also be mailed (post marked by November 1, 2023) to:

Buccaneer Commission  
P.O. Box 30404  
Corpus Christi, TX 78463

**If transcripts are not received, the entry will be considered incomplete. The Buccaneer Commission will not request transcripts from schools on students' behalf.**

**3. COMPETITION:** Finalists for the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program will be selected through a competition consisting of Interview/Public Speaking and an Essay. Participants must participate in scheduled events in person on one of the dates offered; December 14 – 5p-9p or December 16 – 9a-4p. A third day may be added, if needed, to accommodate all contestants that have advanced to the Interview. Events will NOT be rescheduled for individual Participants with conflicting obligations.

**Essay Competition:** Each Participant must submit a typed essay of 750-1000 words. Essay topics will be provided to participants on November 6, 2023.

**Essay Deadline:** Completed Essays must be sent electronically to [lindslee@bucdays.com](mailto:lindslee@bucdays.com) no later than November 27, 2023.

**Essay Judging:** Essays will be critiqued by a panel of judges upon the following criteria:

- Content and Overall Effect- 40%
- Organization- 20%
- Vocabulary- 20%
- Mechanics- 20%

Total possible score: 100%

**Interview/Public Speaking Competition:** Each Participant must prepare and present a 2–3-minute speech. The speech content should include information about the student that is not listed in their academic record. Information such as awards received, hobbies, community service, etc. will already be provided to the judges. Also, the student should include why they should be considered for the Leadership Program. Interviews must be done in person.

**Interview/Public Speaking Judging:** Each Participant will field questions from a panel of judges and be scored based on:

- Why you should be considered for the Leadership Program- 40%

- Posture- 10%
- Pacing- 10%
- Volume- 10%
- Eye Contact- 10%
- Participation in school and community activities and/or jobs-20%

Total possible score: 100%

Other candidates will not be present during the public speaking/interview.

**4. SCHOLAR JUDGING:** Each Participant will be judged on their Interview/Public Speaking and Essay. A total of 200 points may be awarded to each Participant. An additional 5 points will be added to the final score of first-generation college students. Finalists will be determined by the following criteria:

Interview/Public Speaking	100 Points
Essay	100 Points
<u>*First-Generation college student</u>	<u>5 Points</u>
 Total Points	 205 Points

\* The Department of Education, in the Higher Education Act of 1965 and 1998, clearly defines a first-generation college student as a student both of whose parents did not complete a bachelor's degree, or in the case of students who live with and are supported by only one parent, a student whose only such parent did not complete a bachelor's degree.

**5. SCHOLARS:** The ten (10) male and ten (10) female scholars with the highest scores at the conclusion of the competition will be named scholar and continue as participants in the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program.

**6. SCHOLAR REQUIREMENTS:** Once a participant has been selected as a scholar, they will be part of a prestigious leadership training program for their final semester of high school. The scholarship award winners listed under AWARDS will be selected from this group.

**7. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT:** Scholars will be required to attend multiple leadership training courses, mentoring sessions and Buc Days Events. Please note the events where attendance is mandatory/required. Points will be given for each event attended. Attendance at every event offered will result in a maximum score of 230 attendance points. **A minimum of 180 attendance points is needed, and attendance to mandatory events is required to fulfill program requirements.**

# 2024 Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program Events Schedule

*Please note that this schedule is subject to change:*

Type	Activity	Day	Date (2024)	Time	Attendance points
Admin	Welcome Reception – Henry Garrett Center – Professional Photo Shoot *Required	FRI	JAN 12	5:30PM – 7:00PM	(Mandatory) 10
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 1   Henry Garrett Center Immediately following welcome reception	FRI	JAN 12	7:00PM – 9:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 2   Henry Garrett Center	SAT	JAN 13	9:00AM – 5:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 3   (Zoom)	FRI	JAN 26	5:00PM – 9:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 4   Henry Garrett Center	FRI	FEB 16	5:00PM – 9:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 5   Henry Garrett Center *Leadership Graduation following DC learning session 5:30PM Henry Garrett Center	SAT	FEB 17	Learning Session: 9:00AM – 5:00PM DC Graduation: 5:30PM – 7:00PM	50 points total for graduation/ completion of training
Community	Industry Tour - CCAD, NAS-CC	THURS	MAR 7	8:00AM – 3:00PM	10
Service	Buc Days Workday	SAT	MAR 9	10:00AM-4:00PM	10
Service	Metro Ministries	THURS	MAR 14	5:00PM-8:00PM	10
Community	City of Corpus Christi/City of Portland/Downtown Corpus Christi	THURS	MAR 21	4:00PM – 8:00PM	10
Community	Industry Tour - Port of CC	THURS	MAR 28	4:00PM – 8:00PM	10
Admin	Youth Odyssey Ropes	SAT	APR 6	8:00AM – 3:00PM	10
Buc Days	All Volunteer Meeting	THURS	APR 11	6:00PM-7:30PM	10
Service	Ronald McDonald House Share a Meal	THURS	APR 18	5:30PM-7:30PM	10
Admin	Final Project Presentations *Required	SAT or SUN	APR 20 or APR 21	9:00AM-12:00PM	(Mandatory) 10
Buc Days	Dunking of the Mayor/Carnival	THURS	MAY 2	3:00PM	10
Buc Days	Scholar Recognition / Rally Night Parade	SAT	MAY 4	4:30PM	10
Buc Days	PBR & Rodeo Corpus Christi – Select at Least One Night *Required – 4 scholars on Each Night	FRI-SAT WED-FRI	MAY 3-4 & 8-11	5:00PM-9:30PM	(Mandatory) 10
Buc Days	Buc Days Driscoll Children's Parade	SAT	MAY 11	9:00AM-12:00PM	10
Buc Days	Rodeo Corpus Christi Appearance *Required	SAT	MAY 11	5:00PM-9:30PM	(Mandatory) 10
Mentorship	Session 1 - Arranged by mentor and mentee Buccaneer Commissioner/Industry Leader				10
Mentorship	Session 2 - Arranged by mentor and mentee Buccaneer Commissioner/Industry Leader				10
Mentorship	Session 3 - Arranged by mentor and mentee Buccaneer Commissioner/Industry Leader				10
				<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>230</b>

\* Minimum requirement of 180 attendance points needed to fulfill program requirements.

\*\*To complete the Dale Carnegie Program you must participate in and complete all 5 sessions.  
Course completion is determined by the Dale Carnegie Instructor.

**8. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:** Each participant will be paired with a Buccaneer Commissioner(s) as a mentor, based on career interest. Each participant and Commissioner(s) will meet at least 3 times during the program. The mentor will provide the mentee with advice for college preparation, provide an in-depth look into their career and workplace and work on skill-building components selected by the mentee. Each mentoring session will count as 10 points towards event attendance points.

**All Mentoring sessions will be arranged by mentee**

Session 1 - Introductions, mentor background, plan next sessions

Session 2 - Workplace tour/shadowing

Session 3 - Final discussion and closing remarks

**9. DRESSCODE:** The Buccaneer Commission will provide all participants with a Buc Days Leadership Program Polo to be used while attending Leadership Program Events and Buc Days Events and a western shirt for the rodeo. A pirate costume will be provided by the Buccaneer Commission to be used for the Night Parade and the Children's Parade. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a professional photoshoot. Digital downloads of photos will be provided to participants for resume and portfolio purposes.

**10. FINAL PROJECT:** Each scholar will create a 5-7-minute PowerPoint Presentation based on their experience in the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program and the outcome of their Mentorship Program participation. Scholars will show their presentations to a panel of judges on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Mentors will be invited to final presentations. The panel of judges will evaluate the students on final presentation and participation throughout the program to determine the Top Male and Top Female. Final Project Presentations must be done in person.

**11. ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** In addition to the guaranteed \$3,500 for all scholars upon successful completion of the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program, the male and female scholars with the highest overall scores in program participation, engagement and project presentation will receive an additional \$4,000 scholarship and named top male and female scholar.

The Leo Rios Community Service Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to the scholar that demonstrates the most commitment and passion to community service. Volunteer involvement listed on the scholar's application (50%) and participation in Buc Days Volunteer Opportunities (50%) will determine the scholarship recipient.

The Karen Atwood Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to the scholar that receives the Dale Carnegie Highest Award of Achievement.

**12. SCHOLARSHIPS:** Participants are eligible to receive scholarships, provided they meet the Rules and Requirements portion of the Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Policies. Participants will be required to submit a signed agreement that they have read and understood the requirements of the Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program.

**Requirements for all Finalists:**

Recipient must begin use of Buccaneer Commission Scholarship within six months of graduation from high school.

- Recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours per semester during Fall semester. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Recipient must submit the following documents to the Buccaneer Commission at the address below by August 1, 2024:
  - Completed Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Contract
  - Thank you letter to Buccaneer Commission
  - Class Schedule for Fall 2024 Semester, substantiating semester hour requirements (i.e. class schedule with total hour reflected)
  - The Scholarship is valued as defined above in Awards. Upon meeting all requirements for scholarship disbursement, scholarships will be paid directly to the College or University designated by the recipient as follows:

Disbursement of Scholarship Amounts:

50% of total scholarship provided for Fall 2024

50% of total scholarship provided for Spring 2025

- Failure to fully comply with Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Policies will result in forfeiture of scholarship funds.
- Should a recipient not attend college, or fail to maintain academic standards or college enrollment, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited to the Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Program.
- Any exceptions to these rules must be requested in writing by the Recipient and approved in writing by the Buccaneer Commission.
- The Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to interpret or amend these rules and requirements at any time at its discretion and to settle and determine all disputes, questions or matters regarding, arising from or incident to the Scholarship Program, including but not limited to revocation of a scholarship.

**12. SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES:** Should a contestant choose to attend a College or University that has a Matching Agreement with Buc Days (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Del Mar College) and meet admission standards of such university, a scholarship match will be provided by the institution. These agreements will be published as available.

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