



## ENTRY DEADLINE – Friday, December 10, 2021

Please note: Schedule may be subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions

### SCHEDULE

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Application Deadline	December 10, 2021
Essay	December 13, 2021- Essay topic sent to participants via email December 20, 2021- Essay deadline
Contestant Interviews Date Options (Select one)	Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:00PM Omni Aransas Meeting Room  Friday, January 7, 2022 at 6:00PM Omni Aransas Meeting Room  Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:00AM Omni Aransas Meeting Room
Announcement of Scholars	January 14, 2022

### AWARDS

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All participants that successfully complete (See Section 6) 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 Program Scholars      \$3,500 Scholarship

### SPECIAL RULES

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**1. ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is limited to legal Texas residents of Aransas, Bee, Duval, Goliad, Jim Wells, Kenedy, 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 **December 10, 2021**. Transcripts must be submitted by deadline to complete the application. Transcripts may be emailed to [melissa@bucdays.com](mailto:melissa@bucdays.com) . Transcripts may also be mailed (post marked by December 10, 2021) to:

Buccaneer Commission

P.O. Box 30404

Corpus Christi, TX 78463

(If transcripts are not received, the entry will be considered incomplete)

**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 on one of the dates offered; 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 December 13, 2021.

**Essay Deadline:** Completed Essays must be sent electronically to [Melissa@bucdays.com](mailto:Melissa@bucdays.com) no later than December 20, 2021.

**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.

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

- Familiarity with Material- 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 finalist 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 trainings, mentoring sessions and Buc Days Events. Points will be given for each event attended. Attendance at every event offered will result in a maximum score of 200 attendance points. **A minimum of 150 attendance points are needed to fulfill program requirements.**

## 2022 Buc Days Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program Events Schedule

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

Type	Activity	Day	Date (2022)	Time	Attendance points
Admin	Welcome Event – Omni Bayview Room	FRI	JAN 28	5:30PM - 7:30PM	10
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 1   Omni Laguna Madre Meeting Room Immediately following welcome dinner	FRI	JAN 28	7:30PM - 9:30PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 2   Omni Laguna Madre	SAT	JAN 29	9:00AM - 5:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 3   (Zoom)	FRI	FEB 4	5:00PM - 9:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 4   Omni Laguna Madre	FRI	FEB 18	5:00PM - 9:00PM	See below
Dale Carnegie	Leadership Training 5   Omni Laguna Madre *Leadership Graduation following DC learning session 5:30PM Omni Bayview Room	SAT	FEB 19	Learning Session: 9:00AM – 5:00PM DC Graduation: 5:30PM	50 points, attendance at all DC sessions
Admin	Youth Odyssey Ropes	SAT	FEB 26	8:00AM – 3:00PM	10
Community	Industry Tour- i.e., Port of CC, CCAD, NAS-CC	THURS	MAR 3	12:00PM-7:00PM	10
College	College Night-Advising sessions TAMU-CC, TAMUK, Del Mar College and Professional Photo shoot	THURS	MAR 24	5:30PM - 7:30PM	10
Community	Industry Tour   Del Mar College, Fulton Construction, CCISD, etc.	SAT	APR 9	9:00AM-1:00PM	10
Buc Days	Volunteer Planning Meeting	THURS	APR 14	5:30PM-7:30PM	10
Service	Ronald McDonald House Share a Meal	THURS	APR 21	5:30PM-7:30PM	10
Admin	Final Project Presentations  Omni Hotel	FRI	APR 29	6:00PM	(Mandatory) 10
Buc Days	Dunking of the Mayor/Carnival	THURS	MAY 5	5:00PM	10
Buc Days	Awards Celebration / Navy Army Night Parade	SAT	MAY 7	4:30PM	10
Buc Days	Junior Parade	SAT	MAY 14	10:00AM	10
Buc Days	Rodeo Corpus Christi Appearance	SAT	MAY 14	7:00PM	10
Mentorship	Session 1- Arranged by mentor and mentee				10
Mentorship	Session 2- Arranged by mentor and mentee				10
Mentorship	Session 3- Arranged by mentor and mentee				10
				<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>200</b>

**\* Minimum requirement of 150 attendance points needed to fulfill program requirements.**

**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 and career path

Session 2- In depth career discussion and recommended next steps to take

Session 3- Final discussion and closing remarks

**9. DRESSCODE:** The Buccaneer Commission will provide all participants with a Buc Days Ambassador T-shirt and Polo to be used while attending Leadership Program Events and Buc Days Events. In keeping with the Buc Days spirit and tradition, participants will have costume pirate accessories available for Buc Days Events. 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 3-5 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 Friday, April 29, 2022. Mentors will be invited to final presentations. An additional scholarship amount will be awarded to the scholar with the highest Final Project Score.

**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 scholar with the highest Final Project Score will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship.

The Leo Rios Community Service Scholarship of \$1000 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.

**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 2, 2022:
  - Completed Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Contract
  - Thank you letter to Buccaneer Commission

- Class Schedule for Fall 2022 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 2022

50% of total scholarship provided for Spring 2023

- 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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