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The Council formed in 2003 and was officially chartered in 2008. It is governed by a sixteen member board of directors and was awarded 501 (c)3 status by the IRS in October 2009. The council serves a twenty county area, including 57 school districts within Region 17 Education Service Center encompassing 18,950 square miles. The council is housed on the campus of Texas Tech University and has been providing college and career readiness services for the area since its inception. In 2012, the council awarded fifty GenTX scholarships of \$1000.00 each to students entering college. Students selecting Texas Tech University or South Plains College had their scholarships matched by these institutions. In

2013, forty scholarships were awarded. In both cases, fifty percent of the students awarded had their scholarships matched by one of these two institutions. Funding for the scholarships was obtained through a federal college access challenge grant and Covenant Health Systems. The College Access Challenge grant resource is no longer available. In November 2013, the council received notification from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that these funds had not been renewed by congress. The council has raised \$11,000 in scholarship funds from private sources to award in 2014 and is seeking assistance from the community to continue providing this invaluable opportunity to more students. We hope you will help.

Please complete the information below and send your tax deductible contribution to:

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PO Box 41071  
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