



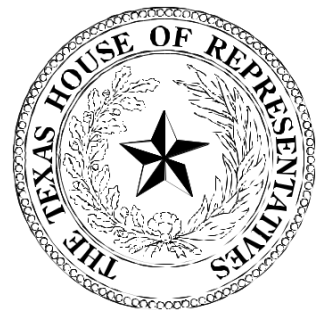
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SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND LOANS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: A GUIDE OF RESOURCES

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Dear Senior:

As you get ready to graduate from high school and prepare to face the many complex challenges and diverse economic opportunities ahead, you will undoubtedly have to think seriously about the path you want to pursue for your future career. This means you will have to be academically prepared with the proper educational training and essential job skills to handle your professional career, regardless of your career path. The bottom line is simple: you will need some type of post-secondary training or education to succeed because the value of a high school diploma is no longer what it was 10 or 15 years ago.

Earning a college education will be neither easy nor cheap. Academically, it will take much determination, sacrifice, and motivation on your part. Financially, it will take money to get a college education, but it is possible to obtain the necessary funds. Many sources of financial aid are available to help defray the costs of accessing a college education, thereby easing the burden of financial worries. This resource book is filled with valuable information on various forms and sources of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs, educational loans, and internships available - either from the federal/state government or private sources. The resource book is intended to serve as a guide as you search for financial options to pay for your college education.

It is my hope that the information contained in the guide will help lead you in the right direction toward a college education and a path for success. I am convinced that a college education will open many doors of employment opportunities for you as you prepare for your future career. In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at either of my legislative offices in Weslaco or Austin. Good luck with your college education and future professional endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Armando Q. Martinez'.

Armando "Mando" Martinez
State Representative, District 39

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I. INTRODUCTION: THE IMPORTANCE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Every student should have the benefits of going to a college or university. All Texans and Americans should have the opportunity to succeed professionally and survive economically in our society. Texans of all ethnic backgrounds, income levels, philosophical beliefs, and gender should have that opportunity today - more so than ever before. The thousands of students who graduate annually from our Texas public high schools are the future leaders and molders of the next generation; they are our future doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, accountants, secretaries, public officials, business owners, and even our future governors and presidents. This resource booklet on financial aid opportunities is geared to that young population - the **Graduating High School Seniors**. And, it can serve as a guide to students searching for financial aid options for college, whether they are currently enrolled or are planning to enroll for the first time.

Accessible, affordable college education for all students should be a top priority for all Texans if we are to be well-prepared and effectively equipped to meet the 21st century's diverse, complex challenges and technology-oriented opportunities. Generally, those with college degrees are better off economically than those with only a high school education. A study commissioned by the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TGSLC) in 1997, entitled *"The Economic Returns from Higher Education in Texas"* emphasizes the importance of a college education. The report concluded: *"Postsecondary education of qualified individuals is both inherently cost-effective and necessary for the continued prosperity of Texas and the nation. A high school diploma no longer represents the vehicle to economic prosperity that it did to previous generations, as those whose education stops at this point can actually expect to see their real wages decline over time."* The study also found that across the country, college graduates earn 76 percent more per year than those who have only a high school education. In summary, this study verified that an accessible and affordable college education for all Texans is necessary if Texas is to prosper in the future.

In today's society, education is highly valued in the employment market. Education is particularly important for the Hispanic community. Increased efforts to improve public school dropout rates among the Hispanic community and improve the number of Mexican Americans receiving at least some minimal college education has produced a more highly educated workforce.

Education is also essential to this nation's productivity and quality of life. Every year, the U.S. continues to fall behind other countries in the area of education, particularly among its minority populations. This trend cannot continue if we are to maintain our leadership position in the increasingly growing, technologically complex, and internationally-diverse global economy of the new millennium. This trend holds true for all Americans, particularly in Texas, due to its relatively high Hispanic population.

The Hispanic community plays an increasingly important role in Texas and American society. Its population is growing rapidly while the Caucasian and African-American populations remain steady. The Hispanic population already has a majority of students in many school districts throughout Texas. It is imperative that these students graduate from both high school and college. High school education is often insufficient to compete in the job market and survive financially without relying on public assistance. This fact is important to society in general because an uneducated citizenry has a negative impact on all of society, whether rich, poor, minority, or majority. Thus, it is in the best interest of all residents of this country to make sure that this ethnically-growing workforce is well-prepared to face those future challenges. Ensuring college education is accessible to more students is one of the best ways this country can prepare itself to meet future changes and succeed economically.

For most Americans, there are two roads to becoming successful: (1) either by receiving a good college education; or (2) by working very hard for a long time in a particular trade. A college education is generally faster, and offers varying career options. For most young adults graduating from high school, there are usually two choices: (a) get a low-paying job to support themselves and help their families or; (b) go to college for two, four, or more years. The prospect of staying in school two or more years may seem like a losing proposition for many students in the short run. However, it yields many economic, personal, and professional benefits in the long run.

The long-term effects of deciding to forgo college soon after graduating from high school negatively impact future prospects. It hinders the many possibilities that become available after completing a college education. This choice of attending college may be difficult, especially when considering the escalating cost of receiving a college education today compared to 5, 10, or 20 years ago. But cost alone, however, should never be a factor to stop anyone from going to college. Along with determination, willingness, and some sacrifice, there are also various sources of financial aid available that can help ease this difficult choice.

II.

EVERY TEXAN SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND COLLEGE: FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE

It is a known fact that the high financial cost of obtaining a college education is devastating to many people, especially for the thousands of under-financed minority students or those that come from low-income families. The fact that the cost of attending college is constantly rising makes it an even more pressing issue for the parents and the students that want to go to college. It is also a recognized fact that minority groups, especially Hispanics, are underrepresented at most of the institutions of higher education across the U.S. and Texas alike. Much of that problem can be attributed to the cost of obtaining a college education. Money alone should never be a deterring factor for students interested in attending college. As the popular phrase states: ***"Where there's a will, there's a way."*** In short, with a little bit of research, motivation, and a willing desire to succeed, many students can find the money needed to enroll in practically any college they wish to attend - public or private alike. This, of course, is provided that they also have the academic credentials to succeed. Research reveals that there are many students who have the credentials and the desire to learn, and yet they are not attending college because money was a determining factor in their decision not to continue schooling beyond high school. This is unfortunate in light of the fact that each year, millions of dollars go unused because students did not take advantage of this resource. This is where our counseling personnel, mentoring educators, and other motivational agents of the school and the community at large can help make a difference in students' lives.

This resource book on financial aid is intended to serve you as a guide in searching for ways that will make it easier to attend college. My hope is that the information in this publication can serve to lead you in the right direction toward a path of success in the future. Become a part of the group of students who apply for college admission today. It can only lead America and Texas on the road to success and economic prosperity.

There are several types and sources of financial aid dollars that you can receive to help finance your education. Many of them are "free money" waiting to be disbursed. These financial dollars range from grants or "free aid" dollars which do not have to be paid back, to scholarships of all sorts and amounts, educational loans, internships for college credit or for pay, and work-study programs which can provide a source of income for the student while attending college. The list of financial aid resources available is endless. There are volumes of publications, guides, directories, and brochures that contain excellent information about "free gift aid" dollars, educational loans, work-study programs, and internship employment opportunities to help pay for a college education.

Applications for many of those financial aid dollars can be easily accessed online. The following lists are only a partial selection of some of the financial aid resources that are available to students planning to attend college.

III.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

There are three main sources of financial aid available for students to attend college: (1) the federal and state governments; (2) colleges and universities; and, (3) private sources, organizations, and companies or corporations. Below you will find some information on federal and state scholarship aid as well as on scholarships offered by private sources. Most colleges and universities offer financial aid to students they have accepted into their schools usually in the form of grants or scholarships. It is important that you contact the college that you plan to attend or are currently attending and inquire about the financial aid they offer to their students. Most colleges that offer financial aid have their own applications that you must complete in order to be considered for financial aid on that individual campus. Most require you to apply for federal aid using the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or the **Renewal FAFSA** if you have previously applied for federal aid. Finally, many institutions allow students to file their FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA applications electronically through the internet. This makes it much easier and quicker to complete this phase of the financial award process because much of the renewal information is duplicated every year; all the student has to do is update it annually. Students are advised to first consult with their respective schools to inquire if they allow electronic filing of applications.

A. FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Federal aid is usually administered through grants, loans, and work-study programs. The great thing about receiving federal aid in the form of grants is that it costs nothing to apply. It is "gift aid," or FREE money, however, you will need to fill out the FAFSA application in order to receive this form of federal financial aid. If you have previously filled out the FAFSA application, you can fill out the Renewal FAFSA, which you will probably receive in the mail or via email every year thereafter following your initial application.

The Renewal FAFSA application will usually have about 75% of the information pre-printed from the previous FAFSA application. To apply for financial aid for the **2021-2022** academic school year (which covers from **July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**), you **MUST** submit your FAFSA application by **June 30, 2022**, midnight Central Daylight Time. For priority consideration, submit your application by January 15, 2022. Corrections to the FAFSA application made online must be submitted by September 10, 2022. The Renewal FAFSA Application process for the 2022-2023 school year begins in October 2022.

Many colleges and universities will probably ask you to submit your federal FAFSA application at the same time that you submit their own institutional financial aid application. Once again, to continue receiving federal student aid, it is important to remember that you **MUST** re-apply each year that you are in school. This is usually the case for all continuation sources of financial aid that rely on year-to-year availability of funds. Be advised, however, that it is much easier to complete the Renewal FAFSA once the initial application is complete. Make sure that your initial FAFSA application is as complete and as accurate as possible to reduce future problems. A slight error or misinformation on the initial application can delay the processing of your application and cost you in award dollars. When completing ALL applications for financial aid, be very careful and thorough in completing the entire application. The U.S. Department of Education highly encourages all students to complete their FAFSA applications online through the internet at <https://studentaid.gov> making sure you keep all important deadlines in mind.

Any college financial aid office or your high school counselor can help answer questions about FAFSA applications. Both of Representative Martinez's Legislative District Office in Weslaco and State Capitol Office in Austin can assist in pointing you towards FAFSA resources available. The following are the different forms of financial aid generally offered by the federal government.

The Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is usually the first form of financial aid that a student receives. It is also the largest federal grant program for college attendance that is awarded to undergraduate students who have not yet completed a first degree. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need based on their parents' and their expected family contribution to the student's college education. The amount of aid that a student receives also depends on the cost of attendance at the student's college and whether the student is attending college full or part time. Students enrolled less than full time may also qualify. Federal Pell Grants range approximately from \$650 to \$6,495 a year, but the maximum award is determined by federal formula. These amounts may vary by year depending in part on the amounts of federal funds that Congress appropriates for the program each year. Once again, grants such as the Pell Grant are known as "gift aid" since they do not have to be repaid once the student receives these monies. In order for you to continue to receive the Pell Grant, you must maintain a

satisfactory grade point average (GPA) throughout your undergraduate career. Students can apply for the Pell Grant with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) obtained from the high school counselor or the college financial aid office. The application is also available at no charge by calling the U.S. Department of Education toll-free at 1-800-433-3243 or by visiting their web site at <https://studentaid.gov>.

In response to the application, the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) or an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR). Once the SAR or ISIR is verified by the student for accuracy, it should be sent back to the financial aid office of the college or university the student plans to attend.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The FSEOG is offered to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need; that is, it is for students with the lowest Expected Family Contribution, and who are also Pell Grant recipients. Priority in this program is given to students who have received a Pell Grant. The amount of money disbursed through the FSEOG ranges from a low \$100 to a maximum \$4,000 a year in additional funds, depending on the date when the student applies, his level of financial need, and the funding level of the school he is attending. The minimum award may be prorated if the student is enrolled for less than a full academic school year. Additionally, students in approved study abroad programs can also receive a maximum FSEOG award of \$4,400. Students may apply through the college financial aid office.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

After federal funding is confirmed each year, new applications and instructions are mailed to high school counselors after January 15. By March 15 of each academic school year, high school counselors or GED (Graduate Equivalency Diploma) training center directors in Texas can nominate three of the most academically eligible candidates to receive the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship which is available to any Texas resident who is a high school graduating senior or person completing the Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) training during the initial award year. The program is a highly competitive academic scholarship based on high school grade average, rank in the class or GED equivalents, and scores on college entrance examinations. It is not based on financial need. Students must have applied or been accepted for enrollment and attend an institution of higher education. A \$1,500 award is presented to the student after enrolling in college. It may be renewable for up to four years if good academic standing is maintained, if other criteria is met, and if federal funding is available. For more information about this federal scholarship, applicants should contact their high school counselor or the GED training center director after January 15, 2012. For more information, contact *College for Texans, Grants & Special Programs Office* at (800) 242-3062.

Public Student Incentive Grant / Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (PSIG-LEAP)

The cooperative-state-federally-funded Public Student Incentive Grant / Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (PSIG-LEAP) program is available to students who have already received a state-funded Public State Incentive Grant (PSIG). At public institutions in Texas, students must have received a PSIG of equal or greater amount in order to qualify for the federal portion of the grant. At an independent nonprofit institution in Texas, students must have received a Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) of equal or greater amount to qualify for the LEAP portion of the federal aid. Male applicants must meet draft registration requirements. The award may be from \$200 and up to \$2,500 for the federal portion of the award. For more information about this federal grant, applicants should contact their college financial aid office.

Federal Direct Student Loan Programs

This program, officially known as the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, was instituted in the 1994-1995 academic year by the Department of Education to provide a better way for students to pay for their college education. Through this program, you receive loans from the Department of Education and upon graduation you pay the Department of Education directly for money borrowed. There are basically four specific kinds of loans offered through the Direct Student Loan Program:

1. **The Stafford/Ford Federal Direct Subsidized Loan.** This loan is offered based on your demonstrated financial need. It is called a subsidized loan because the federal government pays the interest on the loan while you are in school. The amount of the loan varies depending on your financial need. (Financial need is determined by the following formula: Total Cost of Attending College - Expected Family Contribution = Financial Need). You, the student, are expected to begin repaying this loan six months after graduating from college, or six months after you withdraw from school or drop below at least a half-time status. The loan is for students attending college either full-time or part-time.
2. **The Stafford/Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.** This loan is the same as the Direct Subsidized Loan except that it is given to students regardless of financial need. You must pay all interest charges that accumulate during the time you are in school. The maximum amount you can borrow from either the Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan increases depending on the number of years you have been enrolled in college and depends on whether you are a dependent or independent student of your parents as determined by federal income tax guidelines.
3. **The Federal Direct PLUS Loan.** The Parents Loans for Undergraduate Students (or PLUS loans) enables parents to borrow money to help pay for their children's college education. This loan is offered to parents of dependent students. Parents must pass a

credit check or find another person willing to co-sign with them. The amount they can borrow a year is equal to the cost of attendance at the college you are attending minus any financial aid you are eligible for. So if the cost of attendance at your college is \$24,000 and you are eligible for \$19,000 in financial aid, your parents can borrow up to \$5,000. Supplemental Loans for Students (or SLS loans) are intended for student borrowers who are independent and at least 24 years old. Repayment and interest on both types of loans begins 60 days following the date of loan disbursement. PLUS and SLS loans let parents or students borrow up to \$4,000 per year, or \$20,000 per the total period of undergraduate enrollment.

4. **The Federal Direct Consolidation Loan.** This loan combines the one or more federal education loans into one, making it easier for you to pay for the loans you received during your post-secondary education. You can consolidate your loans shortly before graduating from college and before you begin repaying them.

The Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL)

There is another program offered by the federal government through which a student or his/her parents can obtain loans. This program is called the **Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL)**. This program is very similar to the Federal Direct Loans Program with the major exception that these loans are offered by private lending institutions or banks, and not by the Department of Education. Aside from this exception, this program offers the same kind of loans to students as the Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

The Federal Perkins Loan

The Federal Perkins Loan, formerly known as the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) program, is a low interest loan (5 per cent) for graduate and undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. These loans are made by the individual school with the use of government funds. An undergraduate student can borrow up to \$4,000 a year, or an aggregate maximum amount of up to \$8,000 for a student who has not completed two years of a program of undergraduate study and \$20,000 for a student who has successfully completed at least two years of a program of undergraduate study. Eligible graduate or professional students can borrow up to \$6,000 a year, or up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$40,000, including any Federal Perkins loans received while an undergraduate. Unlike the four federal direct student loans outlined above which are made through a **financial institution or bank as lender** outside the school, this Perkins loan is made through the individual **school as the lender**. Under certain circumstances, a portion of this Perkins loan may be canceled or repaid by the recipient through public service or volunteer work performed by the applicant. If you think you may qualify for a cancellation, you should contact your institution's financial aid office.

The Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)

The Federal Work-Study Program is designed to make it easier for college students to obtain a job and help pay for college expenses while they are enrolled in school. The Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP) provides part-time employment for students while they are in college. Wages are paid in part by the work-study program; employers pay the remaining part. Through this program, the federal government pays a certain percentage of the student's earnings and the employer pays the other percentage. For example, the government may pay 70% of the student's salary and the participating employer may pay the remaining 30% of the salary. The federal government determines the amount of money a student can earn a year through the work-study program. There are work-study jobs both on-campus and off-campus, during the academic year as well as during the summer. Students interested in the work-study program should obtain applications from the college financial aid office. Students who participate in the work-study program must show financial need, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and be in good academic standing. The work-study program is available to undergraduate, vocational, and graduate students. Students should understand that the amount they receive in employment wages from the work-study program becomes part of the total financial aid package they receive.

Nursing Student Loans and Scholarships

The federal government offers a number of nursing student loan and scholarship programs. These are available to students who show financial need. The interest rate is about 5 percent. Annual awards average about \$2,500 for the first two years, and \$4,000 for the second two years. The maximum award limit is \$13,000. Interested applicants can obtain an application from the college financial aid office.

National Health Service Corporation Loan Repayment Program

This loan program is available to primary care providers at sites in areas with the most severe health professional shortages. Special arrangements may be made where the student applicant repays the loan in return for working in an area where there is a critical shortage of certain primary care providers. For more information on this college loan program, interested applicants may contact by mail the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Oriented Primary Care - Primary Care Provider Placement, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756, by telephone at (512) 458-7111, or by fax at (512) 458-7235.

Health Professions Student Loan Program

This federal loan program is available to students in medicine and osteopathy who have exceptional financial need. The annual award of this loan is \$2,500 plus tuition. Interest rate is 5 percent. Interested applicants may obtain applications from their college financial aid office.

Repayment by the U.S. Secretary of Defense

Under certain circumstances, military personnel may have their college loans repaid by the U.S. Secretary of Defense if certain conditions are met. For more information about this repayment program, interested students should contact their local armed forces recruiters about possible educational loans and other benefits. Other sources of information are military unit commanders and the education service centers closest to them.

U.S. Army Student Loan Repayment Program

Under certain conditions, the U.S. Army may repay guaranteed student loans or Perkins Loan Program loans for people serving in the Army or the Army Reserve. For each year of service on active duty, the Army will repay \$1,500 or one third of the outstanding debt, whichever is greater. For each year of service in the reserve, the program eliminates 15 percent or your outstanding indebtedness, or \$500, whichever is greater. For more information on this program, students should call 1-800-USA-ARMY and ask for the location of a college's local Army representative or a local Army or Army Reserve recruiter.

Veterans Administration Benefits

There are a number of educational loans and related benefits and other allowances available to veterans of the Armed forces. The federal Veterans Administration provides educational allowances for a student whose deceased parent was a veteran. Allowances are also available for students whose parent was disabled either while on duty or as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Information on these programs is available from local offices of the Veterans Administration or from American Legion Posts or American Legion Auxiliary Units.

Remember that all you need to do to apply for these federal grants, loans, and College Work-Study programs (except for some loans such as the PLUS loans for parents which require that the parents fill out an additional form), is to fill out either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) or the Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

B. STATE FINANCIAL AID

There are several programs administered through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) that can assist students financially during their attendance at Texas colleges and universities. The THECB is the official state agency in Texas which oversees and governs all public institutions of higher education and related matters in the state. Potential applicants for financial aid can save time by first contacting the institution of higher education they plan to attend and completing the FAFSA application, either by mail or online. The following is a partial listing of various grants, scholarships, and loans which are available through the THECB to all potential or current Texas college students.

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Division of Student Services

P.O. Box 12788, Capitol Station

Austin, Texas 78711-2788

PH: (512) 427-6465 (Louis Hollis, Assistant Commissioner for Student Services)

PH: Outside Austin (800) 242-3062 Ext. 6387, In Austin (512) 427-6340

PH: (512) 427-6100 (Office of the Commissioner)

PH: (512) 427-6121 or 6111 (Public Information Office)

PH:(512) 427-6387 (To leave a request to receive the bulletin entitled, "*Financial Aid for Texas Students*")

PH: 1-877-782-7322 (***Financial Aid Hot Line***)

E-mail: grantinfo@theqb.state.tx.us

Website: www.collegefortexans.com

State-Funded Scholarships & Grants

The Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program (TEOG)

The purpose of the program is to provide grant aid to students with financial need who are enrolled in public two-year community colleges, public technical colleges or public state colleges in Texas. Applicants must be classified by the institution as a Texas resident, show financial need, register for the Selective Service, unless exempt, be enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate at an eligible 2-year institution. Applicants must not have attempted more than 30 semester credit hours (excluding credits for dual enrollment or by examination), not have already earned an associates or baccalaureate degree, not have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance. Eligible students may receive from \$3,422 to \$6,476 in funds for the 2021-2022 academic year, depending on the type of college attended.

The Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)

This grant is offered to Texas residents or National Merit Scholarship finalists. It is available to undergraduate and graduate students attending college at least half time at an eligible nonprofit independent college or university in Texas, not public institutions. The student must not be receiving athletic scholarships or be majoring in Theology or Religion at a seminary. An eligible student may receive up to \$3,497 per year.

The Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success Grant Program (TEXAS Grant)

This grant provides eligible, well-prepared high school graduates money for tuition and fees which will enable them to attend an institution of higher education. To be considered, a student must be a Texas resident and a graduate of an accredited Texas High School (or received an Associate Degree from a public Texas college) and completed the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program in high school. Students must enroll in a non-profit public college or university within 16 months of graduation (within 12 months of receiving an associate's degree) and have accumulated no more than 30 credit hours, excluding those earned from concurrent courses or awarded by examination. Students must file a FAFSA or TASFA, have an EFC of 5088 or less and demonstrate financial need. Male students must register for the Selective Service. Students must enroll for at least 9 hours in an undergraduate, degree-seeking program. Student who have convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance or have received a bachelor's degree are not eligible for Texas Grant. The award maximum is \$5,195 per semester. A student could receive up to \$15,585 for the 2021-22 award year.

Texas Department of Transportation Conditional Grant Program

This grant provides financial assistance to eligible economically disadvantaged students interested in working for the Texas Department of Transportation. The grant consists of tuition, fees and stipend. Student applicants must plan to attend an accredited four-year Texas public or private college or university as a full-time student (minimum 12 semester hours); declare an intent to major in civil engineering or a department approved operational business discipline and; agree to work for the Texas Department of Transportation for two years immediately following the date of the student's receipt of the baccalaureate degree. The grant amount is the sum of the certified tuition and fees each semester plus a stipend based upon the student's documented financial need. The maximum amount for each semester is \$3,000 or \$6,000 per year.

State Scholarship Programs for Professional or Vocational Nursing

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, depending on whether the nursing program is a professional or a vocational nursing program. For students in an Associate Degree in Nursing program, the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$1,500. For students in a program leading to a Bachelor of Science or Graduate Degree in Nursing, the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$3,000. The award is available at any public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education in Texas offering a course of study leading to an initial or advanced degree in professional nursing. To be eligible, students must be Texas residents, enrolled at least on a half-time basis, and show financial need. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]: (1) academic performance; (2) whether student is on welfare; (3) financial need; and (4) priority assigned by the institution. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

General Scholarship Program for Vocational Nursing Students

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$1,500. The award is available at any nonprofit school or program in Texas that is preparing a student for licensure as a vocational nurse. To be eligible, students must Texas residents enrolled at least on a half-time basis and show financial need. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are

selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]:

(1) academic performance; (2) financial need; (3) whether the student is on welfare; (4) the priority assigned by the institution; and (5) employment by the state. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

Scholarships for Rural Nursing Students (SRNS)

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$2,500. The award is available at any public or independent non-profit institution of higher education in Texas located in a rural (non-metropolitan) county which offers a course of study leading to an initial or advanced degree in professional nursing. To be eligible, students must be financially-needy Texas residents from rural counties enrolled on at least a half-time basis in eligible institutions located in rural counties. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]: (1) academic performance; (2) whether the student is on welfare; (3) financial need; and (4) priority assigned by the institution. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

Scholarship Program for Rural BSN/Graduate Nursing Students

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$2,500. The award is available at any public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education in Texas located in a rural (nonmetropolitan) county which offers a course of study leading to an initial or advanced degree in professional nursing. To be eligible, students must be Texas residents from a nonmetropolitan (rural) county enrolled on at least a half-time basis and show financial need. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]: (1) must be from a rural [nonmetropolitan] county in Texas; (2) academic performance; (3) whether the student is on welfare; (4) financial need; and (5) priority assigned by the institution. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

Scholarships for LVNs Studying to Become RNs

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$2,500. The award is available at any public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education in Texas offering a course of study leading to an initial or advanced degree in professional nursing. To be eligible, students must be Texas residents, a Licensed Vocational Nurse enrolled at least half-time in an RN program, and show financial need. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [listed in priority order]: (1) financial need; (2) whether the student is on welfare; (3) academic performance; (4) current employment as an LVN; (5) anticipated geographic area of practice [rural preferred]; (6) employment as an LVN by a state agency; and (7) priority assigned by the institution. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

Scholarship Program for Vocational Nursing Students

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$1,500. The award is available at any nonprofit school or program in Texas that is preparing a student for licensure as a vocational nurse. To be eligible, students must be Texas residents enrolled on at least a half-time basis and show financial need. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]: (1) academic performance; (2) financial need; and (3) whether the student is on welfare and priority assigned by the institution [*equally valued*]. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

General Scholarships for Nursing Students

This state scholarship program is for Texas residents who are undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at least part time in a program leading to licensure as an LVN, or in an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree in professional nursing. It is for students attending a Texas public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education. It is for students not previously licensed as an LVN or professional nursing. The maximum amount of this scholarship is \$1,500 for LVN students, and \$2,000 for AND, BSN, or graduate students

enrolled in a graduate program. Information and application forms should be obtained through the director of professional nursing or the director of financial aid of the institution the student is attending.

Scholarship Program for Rural Vocational Nursing Students

The purpose of this program is to promote health care and the educational needs of the State of Texas. The amount of the award varies, but the award may not exceed the lesser of a student's financial need or \$1,500. The award is available at any nonprofit school or program in a rural (nonmetropolitan) county in Texas that is preparing a student for licensure as a vocational nurse. To be eligible, students must be financially needy Texas residents from rural counties enrolled at least on a half-time basis in eligible institutions located in rural counties. The student must let his/her college financial aid office know that he/she is a nursing student and apply for need-based financial aid. Applications are distributed to all eligible institutions in April each year. Financial aid offices have until July 15 to submit applications to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the students recommended for awards. Award recipients are selected based on established criteria and awards are announced through the individual institutions. Applicants are ranked according to the following criteria [*listed in priority order*]: (1) academic performance; (2) financial need; and (3) whether the student is on welfare, employment by the state, and the priority assigned by the institution [*equally valued*]. For more information about this scholarship, interested applicants should contact the financial aid office of the institution they are attending.

Early High School Graduation Scholarships

This state scholarship program is for Texas residents who are undergraduate students who are enrolled either full time or part time in college. Students must have completed the requirements for high school graduation from a public high school in Texas in no more than 36 consecutive months. Students who believe they are eligible for this state scholarship should contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a copy of the form letter to be submitted to the Board by the student's high school counselor. The Board will then write to the relevant institution, certifying the student's eligibility.

Fifth-Year Accounting Student Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is for Texas residents and nonresidents. It is for students enrolled as fifth year accounting students on at least a half-time basis who have completed at least 120 hours of college work. Applicants must sign a written statement confirming intent to take the written examination conducted by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy for the purpose of granting a certificate of "certified public accountant." The applicant's GPA must equal that which is required for graduation. Other factors to be considered in the granting of this scholarship are: financial need; ethnic or racial minority status; and scholastic ability and performance. The maximum award the applicant may receive is the lesser of the student's financial need or \$3,000. Additional information about this program may be obtained through the director of financial aid at any nonprofit public or eligible independent college or university in Texas.

License Plate Insignia Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is available to Texas residents with financial need. The scholarship amount varies by type of institution. There is an average 285 scholarships available each year. Additional information about this program may be obtained through the director of financial aid at any nonprofit public or eligible independent college or university in Texas.

Texas Health Service Corps Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is offers a limited number of competitive scholarships to students in some primary care areas. Recipients agree to serve in areas with the most severe health professional shortages. For more information on this college loan program, interested applicants may contact by mail the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Oriented Primary Care - Primary Care Provider Placement, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756, by telephone at (512) 458-7111, or by fax at (512) 458-7658. They can visit their web site at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us>

State Work-Study Program

The State Work-Study Program is designed to make it easier for college students to obtain a job and help pay for college expenses while they are enrolled in school. The State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides part-time employment for students while they are in college. Unlike the federal work-study program, the state work-study program has a few additional restrictions that students should know before applying. Wages are paid in part by the work-study program; employers pay the remaining part. Through this program, the program pays a certain percentage of the student's earnings and the employer pays the other percentage. For example, the government may pay 70% of the student's salary and the participating employer may pay the remaining 30% of the salary. The program determines the amount of money a student can earn a year though the work-study program. There are work-study jobs both on-campus and off-campus, during the academic year as well as during the summer. Students interested in the work-study program should obtain applications from the college financial aid office. Students who participate in the work-study program must show financial need, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and be in good academic standing. The work-study program is available to undergraduate, vocational, and graduate students enrolled at least half time. Students may NOT be on an athletic scholarship. Students cannot be enrolled in a seminary or other program leading to ordination or licensure to preach. Students should understand that the amount they receive in employment wages from the work-study program becomes part of the total financial aid package they receive.

Texas Rehabilitation Commission Financial Assistance Program

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC) provides financial assistance to disabled students who are vocationally handicapped. This assistance is individually determined and it may include college tuition expenses. For more information, interested applicants should contact the nearest TRC office in their area.

State-Funded College Loan Programs

Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program - Health Education Loans Program - Health Education Loans Program (or HHCSLP-HELP)

The Health Education Loan Program (HELP) is available for college students enrolled in certain medical or allied health-related programs, including veterinary medicine. Students must be eligible to pay Texas resident tuition rates. They must meet the academic requirements of the college or university - public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education. Students must show financial need and be enrolled full time. The annual award limits vary based on program of study, but they can range from \$7,500 to \$20,000 per year. The program includes a current 8 percent interest rate set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), with no interest subsidy, but rates are subject to change. The interest is compounded annually. It includes a nine-month grace period upon graduation. Interested students should apply through the financial aid office of the institution they are attending or plan to attend. They can also contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at: (800) 242-3062.

Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program - College Access Loan (or HHCSLP-CAL)

The College Access Loan (or CAL) Program is available for college students enrolled in an institution of higher education who is eligible to pay Texas resident tuition rates. They must meet the academic requirements of the college or university - public or independent nonprofit institution of higher education. Students must show financial need and be enrolled at least half time. The annual award limit is \$7,500, and the annual amount of the CAL Loan plus other student financial aid resources, must not exceed the cost of education. The maximum aggregate award limit is \$30,000. It has no guarantee fee, but includes a 3.5 percent origination fee as set by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The annual interest rate is 9 percent, with simple interest, but rates are subject to change. The minimum monthly payment is \$50 and the maximum repayment period is 10 years. It includes a six-month grace period upon graduation. **Promissory notes must** be cosigned, and credit worthiness of cosigners will be checked. Interested students should inquire through the financial aid office of the institution they are attending or plan to attend. More information can be found at <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us>

C. STATE-FUNDED LOAN FORGIVENESS AND REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

The state offers a variety of low-interest loan forgiveness and repayment programs which allow applicants to attend college. Under the program, applicants can either repay their loan with low interest rates after graduation or have certain portions of the loan forgiven if they meet certain conditions, such as community service or committing to work in a poor or rural area of Texas. Information on all types of student financial aid programs, including student loan repayment assistance programs, can be found through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at <http://www.hhloans.com/>

Several programs and services are available to assist health professionals, clinics, hospitals, and health care providers improve access to health care services, by helping the health professional and practice site find a successful match. This includes, but is not limited to student loan repayment assistance for certain health professionals who agree to work in underserved areas. This website has more information: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/chpr/TPCO_INFO.shtm. 3RNet provides information about student loan repayment programs on their website at <https://www.3rnet.org/Resources/Loan-Repayment>.

The Physician Education Loan Repayment Program (PELRP)

The PELRP provides loan repayment funds for physicians who agree to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for at least four years. Participating physicians must provide health care services to recipients enrolled in Medicaid and the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Also, up to ten physicians per year may qualify by serving patients in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department or Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility.

The Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals (LRPMHP)

The LRPMHP provides loan repayment funds to encourage certain mental health professionals to provide services in designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSAs) for at least 5 years. Also, up to ten physicians per year may qualify by serving patients in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department or Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility. Eligible recipients in MHPSAs may also receive matching Federal Funds through HRSA's State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

The Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program (NFLRP)

The purpose of the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program is to improve access to nursing education programs by encouraging qualified nurses to serve as faculty at eligible institutions of higher education.

The Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program (RCHIP)

This program uses funds from a permanent endowment established from the tobacco settlement for the State of Texas. RCHIP is intended to assist rural communities in recruiting practicing health care providers, other than physicians, to practice in their community by providing partial student loan reimbursements or stipend payments to non-physicians. For more information, contact the State Office of Rural Health.

The St. David's Foundation Public Health Corps Loan Repayment Program

This program recruits and retains qualified primary care health providers, including dentists, at eligible sites located in the five-county area served by the Foundation. For providers who are selected for enrollment into the program, loan repayment funds will be reserved for annual disbursement at the end of each of the four years of service, contingent upon continued annual grant funding. Dentists are eligible for an award up to \$30,000 annually.

D. STATE-FUNDED TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS PROGRAMS

The state offers a variety of programs which provide exemptions for college tuition and fees for certain categories of Texas resident students. The following are some of the programs that are available to certain categories of students.

Highest Ranking High School Graduates

The state provides all highest ranking high school graduates exemption from tuition only for two semesters of the first regular session of any public colleges and universities in Texas following high school graduation. To be eligible, the student must be the highest ranking graduate from an accredited high school in Texas. The student must provide proof of eligibility to the registrar of the college he plans to attend. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sends valedictorian certificates to public school superintendents each spring to distribute to qualifying students. For more information about this exemption, applicants should contact TEA.

Certain Veterans and Dependents (Hazlewood Act)

This program offers tuition and fees exemptions for certain Texas veterans and their dependents. To be eligible for these exemptions, certain minimum conditions must be met by the student veteran: 180 days of active service; must have been a Texas resident when he entered the service; honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions; classification as a Texas resident at the time of registration in college; and have limited federal education benefits. These exemptions may also apply to the children whose parent(s) died while in the armed forces. It also applies to members or children of members of the Texas National Guard and Texas Air Guard who died since January 1, 1946, while on active duty. Prior to enrollment, student applicants will be required to show proof of eligibility to the registrar of the college he plans to attend. The student should allow time to determine if he or she is eligible for other federal education benefits, as GI Bill and federal programs are normally first used.

American Hemisphere Students (Good Neighbor Scholarship)

This program offers a tuition exemption for certain eligible Good Neighbor Scholarship Students enrolled at public colleges or universities in Texas. This program encourages students to pursue higher education in the state of Texas and establish beneficial relationships between the state of Texas and the students' home countries. To qualify for the fee exemption scholarship, applicants must be native-born and a resident from another nation of the American (Western) Hemisphere except Cuba; must be certified by the native country; must be scholastically qualified for admission at a participating college or university in Texas; and must be certified as eligible; and be nominated by the school. A maximum of 235 students may participate in this program each term. This is a highly competitive program: only 10 awards per country are offered. Contact the Student Financial Aid Office or the International Student Affairs Office at your institution if you are interested in the program.

Blind and Deaf Students

This program offers exemptions from tuition and fees for Texas resident students who are blind or deaf. To be eligible: applicants must present certificate of deafness or blindness from the appropriate state vocational rehabilitation agency; provide written statement of education purpose, indicating the education goal to be pursued; must have a high school diploma or its equivalent; must furnish proof of high moral character and meet entrance requirements of the educational institution; and the student applicant should provide relevant documentation to the registrar's office of the institution to be attended.

Children of Disabled Firemen and Peace Officers

This program offers exemptions from tuition and fees for Texas resident students who are children of disabled firemen or peace officers. To be eligible: applicants must be the child of a deceased or disabled fireman, peace officer, custodial employee of the Department of Corrections, or game wardens, whose death or disability was sustained in the line of duty while serving Texas; exemption must be applied for prior to the 21st birthday; and it may not be transferred, unless to a senior college upon completion of a community/junior college course of study. Persons who believe they may be eligible for this program should contact the THECB for a copy of the form letter to be submitted to the Board by the supervisor of the insured or deceased parent. The Board will then write to the relevant institution, indicating if the student is eligible or not. For more information, applicants may contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) at 1-800-242-3062, Extension 6344, or visit: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us>

Children of Prisoners of War (POW) or Persons Missing in Action (MIA)

This program offers exemptions from tuition and fees for eligible students enrolled in colleges and universities in Texas. To be eligible, applicants must: be a dependent child of a Texas resident who is either a prisoner of war or missing in action; must provide proof of parent's status from the Department of Defense; and, must be under 21 years of age, or a person under 25 years of age who received the majority of his support from his parent(s).

Disabled Peace Officers

This program offers exemption from tuition and fees at any public college or university to disabled peace officers. To be eligible, applicants must be Texas residents permanently disabled as a result of an injury suffered during the performance of a duty as a peace officer and unable to work as peace officer because of the disability. For more information, applicants may contact the admissions office of the college or university.

Fire Fighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses

This program offers exemptions from tuition and laboratory fees for courses of a fire science curriculum at a public college or university in Texas. To be eligible for this program, applicants must be a fire fighter enrolled in fire science courses as part of a fire science curriculum and be either a resident or nonresident of Texas.

Foster Care Students

This program offers exemptions from tuition and fees (other than building use fees) for certain students enrolled in Texas colleges and universities. To be eligible, applicants must: have been in foster care or other residential care under the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services on or after the day preceding the student's 18th birthday; be enrolled in an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student not later than the third anniversary of the date the student was discharged from the foster or other residential care.

AFDC Students (Aid to Families of Dependent Children) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

This program offers certain students exemption from tuition and fees at public colleges and universities in Texas for up to one year. To be eligible for this program, applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) have graduated from a public high school in Texas during the last year; (2) must have received financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code (AFDC) for at least six months; (3) must be less than 22 years of age at the time of college enrollment; (4) must enroll in college within 12 months of high school graduation; and, (5) must be a Texas resident.

Certified Educational Aides

This program offers exemption from tuition and fees other than class or laboratory fees at public institutions in Texas to certified educational aides. It does not include tuition and fees for developmental courses. To be eligible, applicants must be Texas residents who are currently employed and have been employed by a public school as a certified educational aide working with students in the classroom for at least two years. Applicants must be enrolled in courses leading to teacher certification and must show financial need. Applicants may apply for the award using an application provided through the public school system or financial aid office at the college or university. For more information on the program, interested applicants may contact the financial aid office at the college or university.

Early Childhood Care Provider Student Loan Repayment Program (*THIS IS A LOAN WITH CANCELLATION PROVISIONS*)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recruit and retain qualified child-care providers who serve in licensed Texas child-care facilities, whose duties consist primarily of providing child care or education to children less than four years old.

Qualifications: In order to qualify for this loan program, (a) the applicant must be a U.S. citizen, national, or a permanent resident of the United States; (b) have an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree with concentrations in Early Childhood Development or the equivalent of Early Childhood Development, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, from a public or private independent institution of higher education as defined in Section 61.003, Education Code, or an out-of-state institution that is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency; (c) be working a minimum of 31 hours in a week as an employee, owner, or volunteer in a licensed child-care facility, providing child care or education primarily to children less than four years of age; (d) enter into an agreement with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board committing to continue to

serve as an early childhood child-care provider for a minimum of two years; and (e) sign a promissory note agreeing to repay all loan repayments disbursed plus an annual fixed simple interest rate of 8 percent and other charges stated in the promissory note should the initial two-year service period not be completed.

Approved Licensed Child Care Facilities: Applicant must be employed at an approved facility licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Information on licensing as well as locations of licensed facilities can be found by visiting the TDFPS web site at <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Default.asp>

Service Obligation: The initial two years of service begins on the date the application is received or on the date the provider begins employment, whichever is later.

Eligible Loans: Student loans received for the purpose of higher education expenses only. If the loan is not a state or federally guaranteed student loan, the note must contain language requiring the loan proceeds to be used for higher education expenses.

Repayment Assistance: The amount of repayment assistance depends upon the availability of funds. Repayments will be made before the end of each twelve month period. The amount of annual loan repayment assistance may not exceed the lesser of: (a) 15 percent of the total outstanding principal and interest for all eligible loans of a qualified recipient; (b) or the actual annual amount of loan payments required by the note and holder of the loan; or (c) the maximum amount of resident tuition and required fees paid by a person enrolled as a full-time student at a general academic teaching institution in Texas for the most recent academic year excluding summer.

Renewal Applications: Renewal applications, contingent upon available funds, will be accepted annually for up to three additional years. Renewals will not require a promissory note and are not subject to repayment.

Other Conditions and Information: Repayments under this program are considered TAXABLE INCOME by the Internal Revenue Service and will be reported as such by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The number of renewal contracts will be limited as specified in the initial promissory note, as well as by the availability of funds. At least 60 days after the date the child-care provider ceases to provide eligible services, the first payment shall be due. The loan repayment schedule will call for a minimum annual loan repayment of \$600 or the amount required repaying the loan within 5 years whichever is greater. The interest on the amount due will accrue from the date of disbursement of the first loan repayment. Interest shall accrue at a fixed simple interest rate set by the commissioner.

E. OTHER COLLEGE LOAN PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN TEXAS

If a student does not qualify for any of the state-supported college loan programs, there are some optional loan programs through various banks and other financial institutions where the loans may be guaranteed through the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TGSLC) or the United Student Aid Funds (USAF). For more information, interested applicants may contact those organizations directly at: TGSLC, P.O. Box 201725, Austin, TX 78720-1725 or call toll free at (800)252-9743, or (512)219-9743 or visit their web site at <http://www.tgslc.org> or USAF, P.O. Box 50826, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Texas residents who may be enrolled or attending a college or university outside of Texas and may not qualify for Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan because they do not meet residency requirements, may be able to obtain a loan through a commercial lending institution. A Texas resident attending a college outside of Texas may be eligible for a loan through a bank offering loans guaranteed by the state in which the college is located. They also might be eligible for loans through a bank where the loans are guaranteed by TGSLC or USAF.

IV.

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- ❖ Earn good grades. Merit scholarships reward students who achieve a high level of academic success in high school.
- ❖ Begin researching possible financial aid options at least one year prior to your freshman year of college.
- ❖ Contact your school's college or guidance counselor to find out about scholarships awarded by local civic groups and professional organizations.
- ❖ Create your own personal "Financial Aid File." Keep all financial aid information in this folder. Place a copy in this file of all forms and applications you submit. This will help you automate future renewal applications, and make your work much easier and less time-consuming to apply for future financial aid.
- ❖ Note all financial aid application deadlines in a calendar or purchase a planner.
- ❖ Memorize your Social Security number. You will need it to apply for financial aid.
- ❖ Open a savings account and begin setting funds aside to help meet your college costs.
- ❖ Remind your parents to prepare their income tax statements as early as possible, since photocopies of these must be sent to most colleges to which you apply for financial aid.
- ❖ Ask your parents to inquire about financial aid programs sponsored by their employers.
- ❖ If your parents served in the armed forces, find out if there are veterans' benefits for which you might be eligible.
- ❖ Learn about various types of federal grants, student loans, and work-study programs: <https://studentaid.gov/>. The toll free number for the Federal Student Aid Information Center is (1-800) 4-FED AID (or 800-433-3243), or TTY: 1-800-730-8913 between 9:00am and 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

- ❖ Read books and manuals that can help you formulate a sound and realistic financial aid strategy to cover your college costs.
- ❖ Review your applications before submitting them. If there are errors on your original application, you may have to submit a new one, and financial aid funds could be depleted in the interim.
- ❖ Don't be shy about contacting a college's financial aid office if you have questions about the application process. Be persistent.
- ❖ Inquire at individual schools about their internal financing programs. These may enable you to spread payments for college tuition, fees, and housing over several months, take out short-term loans at low interest rates, or participate in insured tuition payment plans.
- ❖ Merit scholarship decisions also take into account your SAT or ACT scores, so do as well as you can. Get a good night's sleep the night before taking this or any other examination. If you don't do well, take the test again if you think you can improve your score.
- ❖ In the summer between high school and college, continue looking for scholarships with extended application deadlines.
- ❖ Once you've started your college career, meet with your financial aid advisor. This individual can be instrumental in helping to point you towards more funding resources throughout your college career.
- ❖ Remember that you will have to reapply for financial aid every year that you are in college. Throughout your college years, keep your personal "Financial Aid File" current and be aware of all application deadlines.

V. OTHER NATIONAL, STATE, & LOCAL SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & INTERNSHIPS

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY AFAS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Air Force Aid Society
Education Assistance Department
1745 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 202
Arlington, VA 22202
PH: 1-800-429-9475
Website: <http://www.afas.org>

Each year, Air Force Aid Society awards a minimum of 10 Merit Scholarships. These \$5,000 scholarships are available to dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Airmen or Guardians who demonstrate outstanding academic potential based on GPA. Consideration for the AFAS Merit Scholarship requires completion of the Arnold Education Grant application. Students who are to be considered for a [AFAS Merit Scholarship](#) will be contacted directly by HQ AFAS in May each year with details on submitting their end-of-year high school transcripts and essays on a specified topic.

AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION (AFSA) AIRMEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

AFSA/AMF Scholarship Program
5211 Auth Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746
Website: <https://hqamf.org/scholarships>

The Airmen Memorial Foundation conducts scholarship programs to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible dependents of military personnel. AMF/CMSAF/AFSA scholarships are valued from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to students age 23 or younger attending an accredited academic institution. Applications for the upcoming academic year are available between January 1 and March 31.

AMERI-CORPS

Corporation for National Services

1201 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20525
PH: 1-800-94-ACORPS (or 1-800-942-2677)
FOR TDD: 1-800-833-3722
Website: <https://americorps.gov/serve>

AmeriCorps is a national initiative that allows individuals who must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens of the U.S. and 18-24 years of age, to work ten (10) months of full-time service. This volunteer partnership program supported by the U.S. government in collaboration with various local groups, organizations, and business/civic entities, allows students to do various types of volunteer work in the community in return for some form of financial compensation and/or credit to cover college expenses. Several community-based organizations throughout the U.S. are part of the AmeriCorps National Service Network. AmeriCorp volunteers may work in education, public safety, human and environmental needs fields, among other areas. Corps Members receive a modest living allowance, housing, meals, transportation, uniforms, limited health care benefits, and an education award of approximately \$4,725, but it may vary. Applications are accepted year-round.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN FELLOWSHIPS

P.O. Box 5304
Austin, TX 78763-5304
PH: (512) 458-AAUW (Austin Office)
Website: <https://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research. There are varying programs with different application deadlines.

AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION'S SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE FOR MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

American Bar Foundation
750 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611
PH: (312) 988-6500
Website: <http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/>

This fellowship introduces undergraduate students to the rewards and demands of a research-oriented career in law and/or social science, as well as to provide guidance about the many career options under the umbrella of the legal profession. Applications will be considered only from students currently attending colleges and universities in the United States. Students must have completed at least two years of their undergraduate program and must have not received a bachelor's degree by the time the fellowship begins. The fellowship stipend is for \$3,500 for the summer period. Applications are due February 8, 2022.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY MINORITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

1155 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
PH: 1-800-227-5558
Website: <https://www.acs.org/>

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to undergraduate students from historically underrepresented groups in the chemical sciences, majoring in chemistry-related disciplines, and intending to pursue chemistry-related careers. Selected recipients are awarded up to \$5,000 per academic year. Applications are due March 1, 2022.

AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH (ADHA) SCHOLARSHIP

444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400
Chicago, Illinois 60611
PH: (312) 440-8900
Website: <http://www.adha.org>

This scholarship is for U.S. groups underrepresented in the dental hygiene profession: Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and males. Applicants must have completed one year of a dental hygiene curriculum with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applicant must be full-time students, and demonstrate a financial need of at least \$1,500. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 awards. Applications are due February 2, 2022.

AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas AFL-CIO Scholarships
P.O. Box 12727
Austin, TX 78711
Website: <https://www.texasaflcio.org/>

This program offers 15 scholarships of \$1,000 each to children of members of affiliated AFL-CIO unions. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors. These awards are administered through the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Councils. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is around January 31 of each year.

AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF THE U.S. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

American GI Forum Education Foundation
702 E. El Camino Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
Email: helen.galvan@gmail.com
PH: (805) 478-6230
Website: <http://www.agifedfoundation.org/>

Hispanic U.S. citizens or U.S. residents are eligible to apply for this scholarship. This is a merit-based scholarship for students seeking a college degree or who are enrolled in a vocational/technical school. Priority is given to students from the Santa Maria Valley area. The deadline to apply is April 29, 2022.

AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, MINORITY GEOSCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Director, American Geological Institute (AGI)

Minority Scholarships

4220 King Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1507

PH: (703) 379-2480

Website: <http://www.agiweb.org>

This scholarship is available for full-time students majoring in geosciences (geology, physics, hydrology, meteorology, physical oceanography, planetary geology and earth science education) who are members of the following ethnic minority groups: African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. It is based on academic excellence and financial need. Students are judged on the potential for professional success, and the scholarship is renewable with up to \$500-\$10,000 in awards. Applications are due February 1, 2022.

AMERICAN INDIAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION A.T. ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

P.O. Box 9828

Albuquerque, NM 87199

PH: (505) 765-1052

Website: <http://www.aises.org>

Applicants must be a current member of AISES. Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited four-year college or university, or full-time student at a two-year college enrolled in a program leading to an academic degree. Applicant must be majoring in engineering, science, health related disciplines, business, natural resources, math or science secondary education. Applicant must also be at least 1/4 American Indian/Alaskan Native, and/or recognized as a member by a tribe. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 awards. Applications are due June 15.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS / AMERICAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION MINORITY/ DISADVANTAGED SCHOLARSHIPS

American Architectural Foundation (AAF)

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006-5292

PH: (202) 626-7511

Website: <https://www.aia.org/>

This scholarship is for high school seniors. It is also for students enrolled in a technical school/ community college and planning to transfer to a National Architectural Accredited Board school of architecture. It is also for college freshmen entering or attending a program leading to a bachelor's or master's degree in architecture. Students are ineligible if they have completed more

than one year of a four-year curriculum. Candidates must be nominated by an individual familiar with the student's interest and potential to be an architect. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,500 awards. Generally, the nominations are due by early December and the applications are generally due by mid January, but applicants should verify these deadline dates in advance.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (TEXAS) SCHOLARSHIPS

Department of Texas

709 East Tenth Street

Austin, TX 78701

PH: (512) 476-7278

Website: <https://alatexas.org/>

These scholarships are available for Texas residents who are a child of a veteran who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf. Eligibility is based on financial need, goals, objectives, character, citizenship, and war service of the parent. Awards are for \$500. Applicants must attend a Texas college or university. The deadline to apply is generally April 15, but applicants should call or write the above address for exact date.

AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

3401 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Suite 200

Austin, TX 78721-2902

Website: <https://txlegion.org/>

This scholarship program awards various scholarships to contest winners of the annual Texas American Legion Oratorical Contest for high school students. awards include: 1st place (\$1,000); 2nd place (\$750); 3rd place (\$500); and 4th place (\$250). Students should apply at the above address. The deadline to apply is around December 1.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse

225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1300

Chicago, IL 60601

PH: 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4279

Website: <https://www.ala.org/>

Christopher Hoy/Exhibits Round Table (ERT) Scholarship

This \$5,000 scholarship award is open to U.S. citizens or Canadian citizens entering an accredited library science master's degree program. The application deadline is March 1.

EBSCO/NMRT Scholarship

This \$2,500 scholarship was established by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and the Library Service to Special Populations Section and the Library Service

to People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Forum enables students to study for a Master's or Doctorate in Library Science.

AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY: JOHN AND MURIEL LANDIS SCHOLARSHIPS

American Nuclear Society (ANS)
555 North Kensington Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois 60526
PH: (708) 352-6611
Website: <https://www.ans.org/>

This scholarship is for undergraduate or graduate students pursuing or planning to pursue a career in nuclear science, nuclear engineering, or a nuclear-related field. Racial minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must have greater than average financial need. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. With the request for application, students must send the name of the university they will be attending, their classification for the Fall, their major course of study, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Applications are usually due by February 1.

AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY (APS) CORPORATE SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO MAJOR IN PHYSICS

Arlene F. Modeste, Scholarship Administrator
The American Physical Society
One Physics Ellipse
College Park, MD 20740-3844
PH: (301) 209-3232
Website: <https://www.aps.org/>

This scholarship program is open to any African American, Hispanic American, or Native American U.S. citizen majoring or planning to major in physics. High school seniors, college freshmen, or sophomores may also apply. Scholarships are for \$2,000 awards, and are renewable one time. Applicants are required to take the ACT or SAT and submit the score results in addition to the required application items. Recipients will also be matched with an accomplished physicist as a mentor. Deadline for complete application packets vary each year, but it usually due around February 20. Applicants should call for application requirements and for exact deadline date.

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA) SCHOLARSHIP

Graduate Fellowship for Minority Students
1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036
PH: (202) 483-2512
Website: <https://www.apsanet.org/>

APSA Graduate Fellowships are for Chicano and Latino Students. They must be attending a US college or university. Applicants must qualify for acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning and plan to enroll in doctoral programs in political science. Priority is given to those about to enter graduate school. Fellowships are for \$4,000 awards. Applications are due by December 1.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIPS

Minority Fellowship Program
750 First St NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242
PH: (800) 374-2721
Website: www.apa.org/mfp

The association offers fellowships ranging from \$4,400 to \$5,000. Eligible students should be minority graduate students who have been accepted into doctoral programs in psychology.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING ENGINEERS (ASHRAE) SCHOLARSHIPS

Lois Benedict
Scholarship Administrator
ASHRAE, Inc.
180 Technology Parkway
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
PH: (404) 636-8400
Website: <https://www.ashrae.org/>

The ASHRAE \$3,000 scholarships are designed to assist students pursuing a pre-engineering, engineering, or engineering technology program leading to a bachelor's degree in a course of study that traditionally has been a preparatory curriculum for the heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) profession. Applications are due May 1, 2022.

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Minority Fellowship Program
1307 New York Avenue NW Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
Website: www.asanet.org

The association offers fellowships of up to \$18,000, plus an allowance for tuition, books, and supplies for minority graduate students to study sociology. The deadline to apply is January 31.

ANNUAL NATIONAL WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Washington Crossing Foundation
P.O. Box 503
Levittown, PA 19058
PH: (215) 949-8841
Website: <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

This scholarship program offers a minimum of five scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 over a four-year period to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens planning careers in government service - local, state, or federal alike. Students must submit essays not exceeding 300 words, typed and double-spaced, telling why they want to enter government service.

Recommendations are also required. Applications must be received on or before January 15, 2022 (or the next regular business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday).

APPRAISAL INSTITUTE REAL ESTATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Appraisal Institute Education Trust
c/o Appraisal Institute
200 W. Madison
Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60606
PH: (888) 756-4624
Website: <https://www.appraisalinstitute.org/>

The program offers scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students majoring in real estate appraisal, land economics, or allied fields. Awards are for \$3,000 for graduate students and \$2,000 for undergraduate students.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

6030 Daybreak Circle, Suite A150-217
Clarksville, Maryland 21029
Phone: 240-314-7155
Website: <https://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html>

The oldest Native Scholarship Program in the country, the Association on American Indian Affairs has been providing Native American student scholarships since 1947 to undergraduate and graduate Native American students who are citizens/members of their Tribal Nation – whether or not their Nation is recognized by the federal government. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2022.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION (NESA) SCHOLARSHIPS

Eagle Scout Service, S220
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015
Website: <https://nesa.org/>

Each year the National Eagle Scout Association of the National Council awards thousands of dollars in scholastic scholarships to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service. They should also demonstrate financial need. Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in college. Applications close January 31, 2022.

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION, INC.

P.O. Box 442
Atlanta, Georgia 30301-0442
PH: 1-800-306-2653
Website: <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

This program is open to high school seniors who are full-time secondary students. They must attend any accredited U.S. college or university. Fifty (50) four-year or \$20,000 and one-hundred (100) four-year or \$4,000 scholarships are awarded annually. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4 point scale is required, along with demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, community service/volunteer activities, and employment history both during and after the school year. Applications are due by October 31.

COLBURN-PLEDGE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

101 Cardinal Avenue

San Antonio, TX 78209

Website: <https://musicalbridges.org/programs/colburn-pledge/>

This foundation offers scholarships totaling approximately \$2,000 to applicants who are residents of Texas, and pursuing studies with a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) in classical music with the intention of becoming a professional musician. They must demonstrate financial need, and above all, possess genuine musical talent. Applicants may be under high school age, high school age, or college students. Texas residents may attend out-of-state music schools and music camps. Annual auditions of selected applicants are held in San Antonio on or about June 1. The deadline for applications for audition is April 23.

COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM (C.A.M.P.) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MIGRANT STUDENTS - ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY IN AUSTIN

CAMP Scholarship for Migrant Students at St. Edward's University

Office of Admissions

St. Edward's University

3001 S. Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas 78704

PH: (512) 448-8625

Website: <https://www.stedwards.edu/student-success/camp>

St. Edward's University in Austin accepts applications for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) every year. CAMP is a freshman-level scholarship program designed to offer an educational opportunity to the sons and daughters of migrant and seasonal farm workers. CAMP is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and St. Edward's University. It has assisted about 1,800 migrant students with their first year of college. During their freshman year, CAMP recipients receive financial assistance to cover a significant portion of their tuition, books and materials, room and board, transportation, health insurance, and a modest monthly stipend.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE, INC.

1128 16th St NW, Washington DC 20036

PH: 1-800 EXCEL DC (or 1-800-392-3532)

PH: (202) 543-1771

Website: <http://www.chci.org>

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. has various paid internship and fellowships for high school students, college students, recent college graduates (graduated within 12 months) and graduate students. CHCI is known for providing students with the opportunity to live and work in the nation's capital and participate in the public policy-making process. Applicants must

maintain a 3.0 GPA. The deadline to apply for the fellowship is January 18.

Edward R. Roybal Fellowship

This fellowship is for currently-enrolled graduate students pursuing a degree in a health-related field. It offers applicants the opportunity to apply his/her academic expertise in the public policy arena. Considerations for the fellowship include: strong leadership abilities, active civic participation in their community; excellent communication skills; and strong analytic capabilities. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. The deadline to apply is April 14.

CHCI Summer Internship Program

The program offers a two-month stay in Washington D.C. Interns are placed in U.S. Congressional offices. It is intended primarily for college bound high school graduates who will enter college in the Fall immediately after graduation from high school. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and completely fluent in English. They must possess leadership abilities, and have an interest in community affairs and initiatives, as well excellent communication skills. All applications launch on July 15. Application deadline is December 1.

CONSORTIUM FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN MANAGEMENT

229 Chesterfield Business Parkway

Chesterfield, MO 63005

Phone: 636-681-5553

Fax: 636-681-5499

Website: <https://cgsm.org/>

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management was founded in 1966 and is a 501 organization dedicated to ensuring the equal representation of African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans in management careers in the business community of the United States of America. This program offers fellowships, full-tuition scholarships, and stipends during enrollment in the two-year MBA programs at eleven participating universities across the country, including the University of Texas at Austin. Total awards are for \$25,000. The deadline to apply is January 5.

COUNCIL SCHOOL PARTNERS ABROAD PROGRAM

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Dewitt Wallace/Youth Travel Enrichment Fund Committee

Att: School Partners Abroad

600 Southborough Drive, Suite 104, South Portland, Maine 04106

PH: (207) 553-4000

Website: <https://www.ciee.org/>

This exchange program is for students in grades 7-12, whose family income is under \$55,000. The program allows them to attend school through the School Partners Abroad program and offers a scholarship which may pay up to 50%-80% of the program price. One scholarship requires demonstrated financial need and the other is based on need and minority status. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and enrolled in the School Partners Abroad Program. The program also requires schools to participate in a 3-4 week Exchange by sending and receiving groups of 10-20 students with accompanying faculty members to

counterpart schools in Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and Spain. Student live with local families, attend regular classes at the partner school, and join in extracurricular activities and community activities. Interested applicants should inquire through their school's principal or counselor for more information on the program.

DISCOVER CARD TRIBUTE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program

American Association of School Administrators (AASA)

P.O. Box 9338

Arlington, VA 22219

PH: (703) 875-0708

Website: <https://www.discover.com/student-loans/college-planning/scholarships/award>

Discover has a sweepstakes scholarship program where 12 eligible students or parents will be randomly selected to win a \$5,000 Discover® Student Loans Scholarship Award to help cover college expenses throughout the year. Sign up for emails to get helpful college tips and resources, and enter for the chance to win a scholarship. No purchase or loan is necessary to win. Sweepstakes open to residents of the 50 United States (D.C.) and the U.S. Territories 16 years or older. See full rules for additional eligibility requirements. Sweepstakes ends January 31, 2023.

FORD DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP FOR MINORITIES

The Fellowship Office

500 Fifth St., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20001

PH: (202) 334-2000

Website: <https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>

This scholarship is designed to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties. Pre-doctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral fellowships are awarded to undergraduate seniors or graduate students in a national competition administered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of the Ford Foundation.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National FFA Organization

6060 FFA Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46278-1370

PH: 1-888-332-2668

Website: <https://www.ffa.org/>

The National FFA Foundation, businesses and individuals support scholarships that are awarded to students with a wide variety of higher education plans and career goals. National and state-level scholarships are available to FFA high school seniors and collegiate members as well as non-FFA members. The National FFA Scholarship Program is for students planning on attending a specialized training program or seeking a four-year degree. The deadline is January 11, 2022.

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

United Negro College Fund

8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive

P.O. Box 10500
Fairfax, VA 22031-4511
PH: (877) 690-4677
Website: <https://gmosp.org/>

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (HACU)

8415 Datapoint Dr., Suite 400
San Antonio, TX 78229
PH: (210) 692-3805
Website: <https://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp>

HACU offers a variety of scholarships, internships, and other educational opportunities for students attending a HACU-member college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico at the time applications are completed and scholarship awards are made. Students transferring schools, the school must also be a HACU-member to be eligible to apply. For the most up-to-date listing of HACU-member institutions, please [click here](#).

INROADS/Greater Washington, Inc.

260 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30303
PH: (888) 520-8691
Website: <https://inroads.org/>

INROADS College Links is a college and career readiness program for high school students interested in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), Business, and Social & Behavioral careers. This esteemed program provides students with professional and soft skill tools, goal setting and planning skills, and access to career immersion activities. INROADS equips students with skills and experiences needed to succeed in college, career, and in life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

PO Box 1670/One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06507-0901
PH: (203) 752-4332
Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

Since their founding, the Knights of Columbus has been helping Catholic students with financial means to attend colleges, universities, and seminaries. Various fellowships and scholarships are available to a K of C member in good standing, a child of the member or of deceased member who was in good standing. The application deadline for U.S. undergraduate scholarships is April 1, 2022. The application deadline for vocations is June 1, 2022.

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS (LULAC) SCHOLARSHIPS

1133 19th Street, NW, Suite 1000

Washington, DC 20036

PH: (202) 833-6130

Website: <https://lulac.org/>

LULAC offers a number of scholarship opportunities for Hispanic students and has curated a list of scholarships that don't require proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency. Qualifications and deadlines vary for the LULAC scholarships.

MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Phones to Contact For More Information:

Lower Valley: 956-574-7150

Upper Valley: 956-926-7150

Harlingen Area: 956-392-7150

Mercedes/Weslaco Area: 956-565-2451

Website: <https://magicvalley.coop/>

Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has awarded over \$100,000 in Scholarships Awards to Rio Grande Valley high school students planning to attend college. Each recipient, who is either an active MVEC member or whose parents/guardians are active MVEC members received scholarships valued at \$2,500/semester or a maximum of \$20,000 over 8 semesters. The scholarship is renewed each semester for up to four years as long as institutional criteria and career goals are maintained.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP FOR HISPANICS - The Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources (HACER) Scholarship

110 North Carpenter Street

Chicago, IL 60607

PH: (630) 623-7048

Website: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>

The McDonald's HACER National Scholarship Program will offer scholarships to 30 outstanding Hispanic students from all over the country. Funds are aimed to help recipients finance their college tuition, and there are three tiers. Tier 1 recipients will be awarded either \$100,000, \$50,000 or \$25,000. Tier 2 recipients will receive \$20,000 or \$10,000 and Tier 3 recipients \$5,000. Recipients are selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

MENSA Education and Research Foundation

MERF Scholarship

1315 Brookside Dr.

Hurst, TX 76053

PH: (817) 607-5577

Website: <https://www.mensafoundation.org/>

The U.S. scholarship program relies on approximately 450 dedicated volunteers around the country, with support from the Foundation's office staff. U.S. applicants need not be Mensa members. However, college-bound Mensa members and their dependents may also be eligible for one of several \$2,500 scholarships awarded each year through the Mensa Member Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded based solely on 550-word essays expressing applicants' academic and professional goals and how their personal experiences will help them

to accomplish those goals.

MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

Region One ESC

1900 W. Schunior, Edinburg, TX 78541

PH: (956) 984-6000

Website: <https://www.esc1.net/Page/742>

At the website above, you will find a list of scholarships designed specifically to assist migrant students as they pursue their higher education goals and aspirations. Please read the descriptions carefully to see which apply to you. Deadlines are subject to change.

MILITARY ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

All branches of the military offer full scholarships to qualified seniors interested in a career in the military: U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army are among them. Most require that the applicants be U.S. citizens planning to enroll in a four-year institution with an ROTC program. The scholarships usually cover all expenses for tuition, room and board, fees, books, along with a reasonable stipend per month. Each academy has its own specific criteria and areas of study. Scholarships carry a heavy weight on individual merit. For more information on any of the military-affiliated branches, interested applicants should contact their respective high school counselors or the following toll-free numbers:

The U.S. Army: Call 1-800-USA-ARMY

The U.S. Air Force: Call 1-800-423-USAF

The U.S. Navy: Call 1-800-USA-NAVY

The U.S. Marines: Call 1-800-MARINES

The U.S. Coast Guard: Call 1-800-424-8883

The U.S. Army Reserve: Call 1-800-USA-ARMY

The U.S. Navy Reserve: Call 1-800-USA-USNR

The U.S. Air Force Reserve: Call 1-800-257-1212

The U.S. Army National Guard: Call 1-800-638-7600

The ROTC: Call 1-800-USA-ROTC

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS (NALC) SCHOLARSHIPS

100 Indiana Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20001-2144

PH: (202) 393-4695

Website: www.nalc.org

The William C. Doherty Scholarship and the John T. Donelon Scholarship are available for the son, daughter or legally adopted child of an active, retired or deceased letter carrier NALC member who is or was a member in good standing for at least one year prior to student making application. Stepchildren and grandchildren are eligible if they live with the letter carrier in a regular parent-child relationship. High school seniors planning to attend an accredited college

may apply for these \$4,000 scholarships. The application deadline is December 31, 2021, and ACT or SAT test results must be submitted by March 31, 2022.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED (NASE) SCHOLARSHIPS

P.O. Box 241

Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0241

PH: 1-800-232-6273

Website: <https://www.nase.org/>

The NASE offers entrepreneurs and small business owners a wide range of resources and tools to help you run your business successfully. The NASE Dependent Scholarship Program is open to legal dependents of NASE Members, ages 16-24. To apply, students need to be high school students or college undergraduates planning to enroll in college for the upcoming fall semester. Multiple college scholarships of \$3,000 are awarded each year. The application period is January 1st through April 30th.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC JOURNALISTS (NAHJ) SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1000 National Press Building

529 14th St., NW

Washington, DC 20045-2001, USA

PH: (202) 662-7145

Website: <https://nahj.org/>

NAHJ has been helping journalism students pay for their college education through scholarships for more than thirty years. NAHJ scholarship opportunities are open to college-bound high school seniors, college undergraduates, and graduate students pursuing careers in English or Spanish-language print, broadcast, digital, or photojournalism. Students attending four-year colleges and community colleges in the United States and Puerto Rico with a GPA of 3.0 or better are eligible for the scholarships. New scholarships have been added every year, through the generous support of family or media organizations who want to honor beloved journalists and support the next generation's entry into the field. Applications are due February 18, 2022.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC NURSES

1501 16th St., NW

Washington, DC 20036

PH: (202) 387-2477

Website: <https://www.nahnnet.org/>

NAHN Scholarships are awarded annually to active NAHN members enrolled in accredited LVN/LPN, associate, diploma, baccalaureate, and graduate nursing programs. Scholarship recipients are a select group of Hispanic nursing students who demonstrate promise of professional contributions to the nursing profession and who have the potential to act as role models for other aspiring nursing students. Scholarship applications are due June 15, 2022.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

875 N. Randolph St. Suite 225

Arlington, VA 22203

PH: (800)-654-8364

Website: <https://www.nmcrs.org/>

Education Grant for Children of Deceased Service members

The program offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to dependent children of Navy or Marine Corps service members who died after retirement. For children of service members who died while on active duty, assistance is provided in the form of a grant and/or interest-free loans for unmarried, dependent children of Navy or Marine Corps personnel who died while on active duty.

Vice Admiral E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program

The Travers Scholarship is for grants up to \$2,000 per academic year for dependent children and spouses of active duty members of the Navy or Marine Corps, as well as dependent children of retired personnel. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted as full-time undergraduate students at institutions of higher education whose accreditation is accepted by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 or better. The Travers Loan provides an interest-free loan of up to \$3,000 to the active duty service member for students in the same categories as the Travers Scholarship program, who are undergoing undergraduate training. Loans are to assist with college related costs and must be repaid in full allotment within 24 months.

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

557 Broadway

New York, NY 10012

PH: (212) 343-6493

Website: <https://www.artandwriting.org/awards/>

Students can receive scholarships, cash awards, or tuition assistance by participating in the Awards. High school seniors submitting a portfolio of six works are eligible for scholarships up to \$10,000. Other scholarships are based on art exploring environmental, political, or social issues. Full-tuition scholarships are also available to attend summer art or writing programs.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

125 East 11th Street

Austin, TX 78701-2483

PH: (866) 554-4330

Website: <https://www.txdot.gov/careers/students.html>

The Conditional Grant Program is available to eligible students pursuing a degree in engineering or a department-approved operational business discipline. Students at Texas public or private four-year institutions accepted into the program will receive up to \$3,000 per semester, based on financial need. Students must agree to work at TxDOT for two years immediately following graduation. The application deadline is March 1 of every year. TxDot also offers summer

internships and academic-credit internships to students seeking career opportunities in transportation-related fields.

TEXAS UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL) FOUNDATION

PO Box 151027, Austin, TX 78715

PH: (512) 382-0916

FAX: (512) 382-0377

info@tilfoundation.org

Website: <https://www.tilfoundation.org/scholarships/eligibility-requirements/>

This scholarship is open to high school seniors who compete in a state-level University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic meet. The amounts vary from \$500 a year to \$8,000, with over 300 scholarships available annually. To qualify, students must submit a high school transcript with verified ACT or SAT scores. The first two pages of the parents' most recent IRS 1040 forms are also required. The deadline to apply is May 1-15.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

2216 6th Street NW

Washington, DC 20059

PH: (202) 806-4367

Website: <https://pickeringfellowship.org/graduate-fellowship/overview-and-eligibility/>

As the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency, the U.S. Department of State represents the United States at more than 270 diplomatic locations around the world, including embassies, consulates, and missions to international organizations. The Department offers two fellowship programs that prepare young people for careers of international service. The application deadlines are in September of 2021.

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

This fellowship is administered by Howard University to promote greater diversity and excellence in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The Rangel Program offers graduate fellowships to outstanding seniors and college graduates who want to join the Foreign Service. These fellowships help finance two-year graduate programs, provide two summer internships, mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer, and other professional development activities. The Rangel Program also accepts undergraduate students to participate in the six-week Summer Enrichment Program that prepares global-minded undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. Applicants must have a strong academic background, a commitment to service, and an interest in making a difference in the world around them.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program

This fellowship is administered by Howard University to prepare outstanding young people for Foreign Service careers in the U.S. Department of State. It welcomes the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the State Department, women, and those with financial need. Upon successful completion of a two-year master's degree program and fulfillment of Foreign Service entry requirements, fellows have the opportunity to work as Foreign Service Officers in accordance with applicable law and State Department policy, serving in Washington, D.C. and at a U.S.

embassy, consulate, or diplomatic mission around the globe. Fellows also agree to a minimum five-year service commitment in the Department of State's Foreign Service.

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION FOUNDATION HUEBNER SCHOLARSHIP

1st Infantry Division Foundation

P.O. Box 607

Ambler, PA 19002

PH: 215-740-0669

Website: <https://www.1stid.org/scholarships>

Huebner scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren of soldiers who have served in the First Infantry Division of the United States Army, as well as children of active-duty soldiers of the division, are eligible to compete for these scholarships. The award is currently for up to \$10,000 payable to the school in four annual installments of not more than \$2,500 per year. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2022.

4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, Inc.

Box 4-H

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX 77843-2473

Website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

Students eligible for these scholarships must be Texas 4-H members. Selection is based on academic performance, leadership qualities, character attributes, 4-H activities, and in some cases on financial need. The amount of the scholarships vary from \$1,000 to \$15,000. One-thousand (1,000) scholarships are awarded each June. Interested applicants should apply through their local County Extension Agent by March.

VI. SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE VALLEY REGION

Below are some examples of specific local scholarships offered at some of the school districts or specific high schools in House District 39. Please contact your high school counselor for more information for local scholarships and application deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DONNA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

The following scholarships are specifically for students from Donna High School. For further information about any of them, interested applicants are encouraged to contact the individual listed or the Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

AMERICORPS SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

BROWNING-FERRIS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP (BFI)

Contact: Mr. Robert Garcia at Donna High School, Career & Technology Building.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA HONORARY TEACHER'S SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

DISTRICT COCA COLA / DONNA EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

DONNA A.T.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

D.H.S. ART DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

D.H.S. COUNSELORS' SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

D.H.S. FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

D.H.S. PARENT CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

D.H.S. SPANISH CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

DONNA LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

DONNA QUARTERBACK SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Athletic Department.

DR. CELESTINO AVILA SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Saul Ortega, Senior Vice President
100 W. Cano
Edinburg, TX 78540

HIDALGO COUNTY HEADSTART SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Oscar Palacios, Nutrition Services Director
P.O. Box 01117
Edinburg, TX 78540-01117

MASONIC AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

**RIKE-OGDEN-FIGUEROA-DICKSON SCHOLARSHIP
WELLS ARCHITECTS PLLC**

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

ROMEO PEREZ SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

ROSITA ALCORN SPANISH SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

SANDIA GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

SOUTH TEXAS MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Paul Martinez
P.O. Box 37
Donna, TX 78537

SOUTH TEXAS VO-TECH CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ms. Adela Cantu
2419 Haggar
Weslaco, TX 78596

STEPHEN H. PIKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Robert Garcia at Donna High School, Career & Technology Building

TONY YANEZ SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Donna High School Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

The following scholarships are specifically for students from Weslaco High School. For further information, encouraged to contact the individual listed or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department.

AIRPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

410 N. Airport Dr.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Ms. Gloria Saenz or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS (ATPE) SCHOLAR

Contact: Janie Cantu or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department for more information on the scholarship

CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF TEXAS - SCHOLARSHIP - STVT

2419 Haggar
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Ms. Adela Cantu or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department.

BILLY JOE DOMINGUEZ RODEO AWARD

RUBE LEAL RODEO AWARD

Weslaco High School
1005 W. Pike Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Quesada or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

FIRST NATIONAL BANK ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

301 S. Texas Avenue
Mercedes, TX 78550

Contact: Ms. Edna Martinez or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

RAMIRO GONZALES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Weslaco Knights of Columbus
611 W. 11th St.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Joe E. Ybarra or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

J.C. PENNEY SCHOLARSHIP

510 S. Texas Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Luis E. Chapa or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

VERONICA LEE MARTINEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rt. 2, Box 1121
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Rene Gutierrez or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

KNAPP MEDICAL CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

P.O. Box 1110
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Jesus H. Soria or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

M.J. LUCAS SCHOLARSHIP

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION DIVISION

610 W. 6th St.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Ezequiel Pumarejo or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

MID-VALLEY BEEF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Weslaco High School Counseling Department

MID-VALLEY LIONS CLUB ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Joe E. Ybarra or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

MID-VALLEY LIONS CLUB VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Joe E. Ybarra or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

MONTES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Weslaco High School

1005 W. Pike Blvd.

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Alfredo Salinas or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

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1904 Live Oak

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. Amado Cruz or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

QUEST G.T. SCHOLARSHIP

Memorial Elementary School

910 S. 18th St.

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Ms. Judy Kidd or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

EZEQUIEL REYNA, SR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

702 W. Expressway 83, Ste. 100

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Ms. San Juanita Campos or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Weslaco High School Counseling Department

A.R. SANCHEZ, SR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

International Bank of Commerce

1 S. Broadway

McAllen, TX 78501

Contact: Weslaco High School Counseling Department

SOLETHER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Weslaco High School Band Hall

1005 W. Pike Blvd.

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Mr. David Isadore or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

SOUTH TEXAS VO-TECH CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

2419 Haggard

Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Ms. Adela Cantu or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Harlingen, TX 78550

Contact: Mr. Mike Balderas or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

VALLEY MORNING STAR SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: *Valley Morning Star*, Editor, or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department
P.O. Box 511, Harlingen, TX 78551
Phone: (956) 423-5111

CHRIS VASQUEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

709 Kansas Ave.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Jose & Ilda Vasquez or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

447 S. Texas Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mrs. Lerma or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP

1420 Cherry Blossom
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mr. David Allen or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

611 W. 11th St.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mr. Joe E. Ybarra or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

611 W. 11th St.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mr. Joe E. Ybarra or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO LIONS CLUB ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

P.O. Box 214
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mr. Chris McDaniel or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO LIONS CLUB CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

P.O. Box 214
Weslaco, TX 78596
Contact: Mr. Chris McDaniel or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO ROTARY CLUB ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Roger Albach or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP AWARD

Contact: Mr. Roger Albach or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

WESLACO STAR LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Irene C. Harris or the Weslaco High School Counseling Department

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

The following scholarships are specifically for Mercedes High School students. For further information, interested applicants are encouraged to contact the individuals listed or the Mercedes High School Counseling Center.

CELIA G. AGUERO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Melissa Aguero, Sponsor, Mercedes, Texas

This scholarship is available to a high school senior who has maintained an excellent academic record despite personal hardships. It is named in memory of Celia G. Aguero, a former MISD Pupil Transportation Department employee. The scholarship amount varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

AMIGOS DE MERCEDES CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Amigos de Mercedes Club, Sponsor

This scholarship is available to any graduating senior from Mercedes High School. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS (ATPE) SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: The local Mercedes ATPE affiliate for more information or the high school Counseling Center.

The recipient of this scholarship must be a Mercedes High School senior pursuing a career in education. The deadline is announced each year.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA HONORARY TEACHERS' SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Teachers' Society in the area, Sponsor

The applicant for this scholarship must be a graduating high school senior from the Mercedes, Donna, Edcouch-Elsa, or Weslaco Independent School District, interested in pursuing a career in the field of education. The scholarship is for \$250. Applications are available in each of the respective high schools' counseling department. The deadline is announced each year.

FELIPE ESPINOSA, JR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Espinosa Family, Sponsors

The applicant for this scholarship must be college-bound and planning to major in business. He must also be one of the top ten students of the graduating senior class. The scholarship is for \$500. Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK - MERCEDES BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Local First National Bank, Sponsor

This \$500 scholarship is available to any graduating senior from Mercedes High School who is college-bound. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

ERNESTO GALVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Galvan Family

This scholarship is named in memory of Ernesto Galvan, a former Mercedes High School counselor. The applicant must be a Mercedes High School senior who is well-rounded, academically high-achieving, and pursuing a career in education. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year. Applications are available in the high school's Counseling Center.

OFELIA GONZALEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mike's Pest Control, Sponsor

This scholarship is for a graduating Mercedes High School senior. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

ROY GONZALEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Gonzalez Family, Sponsors

This scholarship, which is named in memory of Roy Gonzalez - a Mercedes High School graduate, is awarded to a high school senior with academic potential and financial need. Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

RAY HERNANDEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ray Hernandez Family, Sponsors

The applicant of this scholarship must be a high school senior. The scholarship is named in memory of Mr. Ray Hernandez, former high school math teacher. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Oscar Palacios, Nutrition Services Director

P.O. Box 01117
Edinburg, TX 78450-0117
PH: (956) 383-0706

This scholarship is awarded to two (2) high school seniors who participated in the Head Start Program. The amount of the scholarships is contingent on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The deadline is February 1.

ASHLEY HUMPHRIES SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes I.S.D., Sponsor

The recipient of this scholarship must be a graduating Mercedes High School senior pursuing a career in architecture or engineering. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in each of the high schools' Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4554 LADIES AUXILIARY CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ladies Auxiliary Chapter, Sponsor

This scholarship is for any Mercedes High School senior who is active in church activities. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Athletic Booster Club, Sponsors

This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has participated in one or more high school sports. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES BAND BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Band Booster Club, Sponsors

The applicant for this scholarship must be a senior and a member of the Mercedes High School Band. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of funds. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Boys and Girls Club, Sponsors

Contact: Mr. Bobby Gonzalez, Director

The recipient of this scholarship must be a member of the Boys and Girls Club. The amount of the scholarships varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES DEBONNAIRES BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mrs. Lydia Figoroa, Sponsor

This scholarship is for any Mercedes High School senior who has played a leadership role in the Debonnaires. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ms. Mabel Trevino, President

This scholarship is for a graduating high school senior of Mercedes High School who is college or vocational school-bound and interested in pursuing a career in the business or secretarial area. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

THE MERCEDES ENTERPRISE SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Robert Hinks, *Enterprise* Editor

This scholarship is available to any Mercedes High School graduating senior who demonstrates an interest in Journalism. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES FFA ANDY ESPARZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mr. Doug Meyer, High School Vocational Teacher

Contact: Mercedes FFA Sponsor

Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on availability of financial resources. The scholarship is named in memory of Andy Esparza, a former Mercedes High School student. Applicant must be a Mercedes High School senior who has participated in the school's vocational agriculture program. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact: Mercedes High School, Sponsor

These scholarships are available for any Mercedes High School graduating seniors who are college-bound and have a financial need that cannot be met in traditional ways. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ms. Sophia D. Guerrero, Student Council Sponsor

The applicant of this scholarship must be a high school senior who has exhibited exceptional leadership qualities while involved in the Student Council. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

MERCEDES LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes Lions Club, Sponsors or Scholarship Committee

The recipient of this scholarship must be a Mercedes High School senior demonstrating community involvement and service. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year, but is usually around late April.

MISS MERCEDES PAGEANT SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact: Mercedes Chamber of Commerce

This scholarship is awarded to a Miss Mercedes Pageant contestant who is a graduating high school senior with college potential. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS #2562 SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: NALC Local Affiliate, Sponsor

This scholarship is available for any Mercedes High School senior who is college-bound. The amount of the scholarships varies depending on the availability of funds. The deadline is announced each year. Applications are available in the Counseling Center.

OLGA RAMIREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Ramirez Family, Sponsors

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Mercedes High School who is a former migrant and is college-bound. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

ROBERT SIERRA FHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes High School Future Homemakers of America, Sponsor

Contact: Yolanda Sanchez, MHS Vocational Department Head

This scholarship is named in memory of Robert Sierra, a former Mercedes High School student. The applicant must be a graduating senior from Mercedes High School who is active in the FHA. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

SOUTH TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: The MISD Pupil Transportation Dept., Sponsor

The applicants for this scholarship must be academically strong, college-bound seniors whose parents or family members must be association members. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

SOUTH TEXAS TENNIS COACHES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact: Valley Tennis Association, Sponsor

This scholarship is available to any Mercedes High School senior who participates in the high school tennis program. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (TSTA) SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes TSTA, Sponsor

Contact: Mr. Richard Cartwright, Mercedes TSTA President, Mercedes Jr. High School

This scholarship is available to any Mercedes High School senior who is college-bound, demonstrates academic potential, and is interested in pursuing a teaching career. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (TTLA) SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: TTLA, Sponsor

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to any graduating senior of Mercedes High School with academic potential who is college-bound. Applications are available in the Counseling Center.

RICHARD TORRES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes Knights of Columbus, Sponsor

The recipient of this scholarship must be a Mercedes High School senior who is college-bound and active in church activities. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year.

DELIA SUE TREVINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Trevino Family

This scholarship which is family-sponsored is named in the memory of Delia Sue Trevino, a 1984 graduate of Mercedes High School. The applicant for the scholarship must be a college-bound graduating senior of Mercedes High School. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. Applications are available in the high school's Counseling Center. The deadline is announced each year.

IMEDLA DE LEON TREVINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Trevino Family

This scholarship is named in memory of Imelda Trevino, a former Mercedes Elementary School teacher. The applicant must be a Mercedes High School senior pursuing a career in teaching. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the availability of financial resources. The deadline is announced each year. Applications are available in the high school's Counseling Center.

WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE NO. 3155 SCHOLARSHIP

Contact: Mercedes High School Counseling Center

Applications are available in the Mercedes High School Counseling Center. This scholarship is sponsored by the local organization. The applicant must be a senior in good academic standing. The deadline for the scholarship is announced each year.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PSJA ISD STUDENTS ONLY

The following scholarships are specifically for Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD students. For further information, interested applicants are encouraged to contact the individuals listed or the High School Counseling Centers at respective PSJA campuses.

Joel "Joey" Gonzalez Presidential Scholarship

Contact: PSJA Education Foundation

This scholarship is worth a total of \$16,000 for a four-year period. This commemorative scholarship is named to honor the memory of the Foundation's first President, was given to five PSJA ISD graduates, one from PSJA ECHS, PSJA North ECHS, PSJA Memorial ECHS, PSJA Southwest ECHS, and PSJA T. Jefferson T-STEM ECHS.

Dr. Daniel P. King Leadership Scholarship

Contact: PSJA Education Foundation

This scholarship is worth a total of \$10,000 for a four-year period. This commemorative scholarship is named to honor the memory of the Foundation's first President, was given to five PSJA ISD graduates, one from PSJA ECHS, PSJA North ECHS, PSJA Memorial ECHS, PSJA Southwest ECHS, and PSJA T. Jefferson T-STEM ECHS.

Several namesake scholarships are available as well. The application deadline is February 7, 2022, at noon. See the PSJA ISD website for more information: <https://www.psjaisd.us/Page/5618>

Aida Escobar Education Scholarship

Contact: PSJA ISD

Mario A. Cantu, Jr. Community Service Scholarship

Contact: PSJA ISD

Noah A. Robles Memorial Scholarship

Contact: PSJA ISD

Ronnie Cantu Volunteerism Scholarship

Contact: PSJA ISD

Roy Guzman Athletic Scholarship

Contact: PSJA ISD