

Scholarship Opportunities

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High achieving students should consider applying for the Honors Program at the university of their choice. Not only will they experience smaller class sizes and an enriched level of instruction, additional scholarships are available through these programs that are not accessible to the general college population. They are typically very generous and application is separate from ApplyTexas.

For every student who ranks in the top 10% of the class at the end of the seventh semester (in January), there is a scholarship available at all state colleges in Texas. You must take the initiative to apply for this. It is typically \$2,000 the first year, increasing to \$4,000 the second year. In February, contact the scholarship office at the university you plan to attend.

Waco-McLennan County Retired Teachers Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (multiple scholarships)

Eligibility: graduating senior in McLennan County; ranked in top half of class; parent or grandparent must be (or have been) a public school employee; financial need/special circumstances will be considered

Criteria: transcript; letters of recommendation; **essay**

Postmark deadline: April 9

Society of Petroleum Engineers (local chapter)

Amount: \$500 per semester becoming \$1,000 per semester to upperclassmen

Eligibility: graduating seniors who plan to major in **petroleum engineering, mechanical engineering, or chemical engineering** and planning to enter directly into a four-year university

Criteria: transcript; school involvement; work history; appraisal (recommendation) form

Postmark deadline: April 2

McLennan County Go-Texan Scholarship

Amount: varies; \$500-\$1,500 (numerous scholarships)
Eligibility: graduating senior in McLennan County
Criteria: ACT/SAT score; letter of recommendation, signatures
Postmark deadline: March 10

Texas Telephone Association Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500 (six scholarships)
Eligibility: "B" average; planning to attend a Texas college or university; special consideration given to majors in math, business, education, technology, engineering, computer science
Criteria: high school course of study, extracurricular activities; leadership; copy of Student Aid Report (from FAFSA), letter of acceptance from college

Deadline to counselor: March 1
(first 2 complete applications will forwarded for consideration)

Kiwanis Club of Waco Senior Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000 (3 scholarships)
Eligibility: graduating senior in the Waco area
Criteria: **essay**; transcript; letters of recommendation; verification of college acceptance

Receipt of application deadline: April 1

Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship

Amount: varies; \$500-\$1,500; numerous scholarships
Eligibility: any high school senior in McLennan County
Criteria: leadership, citizenship, Fair & Rodeo participation, financial need, academic performance, neatness of application, letter of recommendation

Postmark deadline: March 23

McLennan Community College Music Scholarships

Amount: varies by scholarship
Eligibility: music or non-music majors
Criteria: Audition—voice, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano, guitar, bass, drum set

Audition Dates: December 5, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7

More information: **299-8283/ www.mclennan.edu**

Baylor University Merit Based Scholarships

Amount: see chart / go to [Scholarship Calculator at www.baylor.edu](http://www.baylor.edu) to determine exact amount of scholarship

Eligibility: acceptance to Baylor University

Criteria: SAT or ACT score & class rank

Deadline: rolling

<i>Award</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Class Rank</i>	<i>SAT/ACT Score</i>
President's Gold	\$42,000-\$68,000 over 8 sem	Top 5%	1200/27
		Top 10%	1280/30
		Top 15%	1360/32
Provost's Gold	\$34,000-\$50,000 over 8 sem	Top 15%	1170/26
		Top 20%	1240/28
		Top 25%	1330/31
Dean's	\$12,000-\$44,000 over 8 sem	N/A	1200/27

Stephen F. Austin State University Scholarship Program

Amount: varies (all students who meet the criteria will receive scholarships)

Eligibility: senior who will graduate under the Recommended program

Criteria: minimum SAT 1200 or ACT 26; renewable for 3 years with 3.0 GPA

Deadline: will be offered upon acceptance to the university

UT—Arlington Scholarship Program

Amount: varies (see chart)

Eligibility: acceptance to University of Texas at Arlington

Criteria: ACT; SAT; GPA & Class Rank

Deadline: rolling (visit website www.uta.edu/scholarships)

President's Charter	Top 10% & 31 ACT or 1400 SAT	\$4,000 per year
Outstanding Freshman	Top 10% & 28 ACT or 1250 SAT	\$2,500 per year
Freshman Honors	Top 20% & 25 ACT or 1150 SAT	\$1,500 per year
Freshman Achievement	Top 25% & 22 ACT or 1050 SAT	\$500 per year

KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship Program

Amount: Multiple awards up to \$20,000

Eligibility: graduating senior; GPA of 2.75

Criteria: complete application online & provide supporting documentation

Application window: December 1-February 8

(apply online: www.kfcscholars.org)

FFA Scholarship Program

Amount: 125 different scholarships—**one application**
Eligibility: see program book (counselor or ag instructor)
Criteria: academics; leadership; experience in agriculture
Postmark deadline: February 15 (must be typewritten)
(apply online: www.ffa.org)

Cargill Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 (350 scholarships)
Eligibility: graduating senior; **do not** have to be in FFA to be eligible for selection
Criteria: academic achievement; leadership
***Must have a signature from a Cargill employee on the applicant signature page. Cargill facility located at:
2510 E. Lakeshore Drive (Waco)***
Submission deadline: February 15
Apply online: www.cargill.com keyword: scholarship

The Goss-Michael Foundation Texas Art Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000 to any college or university
Eligibility: must be planning to pursue a degree in fine arts
Criteria: transcript; ESSAY; personal statement, CD of 10 original works
Deadline for receipt of all materials: April 30 (6:00 p.m.)
(application from counselor)

BigSun Scholarship

Amount: \$500
Eligibility: any senior athlete who participates in any sport
Criteria: demonstrate the potential for academic success at the college level
Deadline: June 22 (apply online at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>)

Al's Formal Wear Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000 (two scholarships)
Eligibility: graduating senior
Criteria: activities; employment; family information; awards; letters of recommendation; transcript; **personal essay**
Receipt of application deadline: May 31 (application includes \$30 tuxedo discount)
(apply online: www.alsformalwear.com/Scholarship)

Navy R.O.T.C. Scholarship—immediate selection

Amount: \$150,000 over 4 years
Eligibility: high school graduate
Criteria: ACT: 29 Math & Math + English = 57 or
SAT: 650 Math & Math + Critical Read = 1290
Top 20% of class; no convictions involving illegal drugs or alcohol
Deadline: immediate (on-line application: www.nrotc.navy.mil)

The following state universities offer tuition assurance programs which pay tuition/fees based on family income guidelines. **Please call the financial aid office at the university to get specific information.**

Bobcat Promise (Texas State University)

Income \$25,000 or less tuition/fees application deadline March 31

Aggie Assurance (Texas A&M University—College Station)

Income \$60,000 or less tuition only application deadline March 1

University of Texas at Austin—none

Maverick Promise (University of Texas at Arlington)

Income \$65,000 or less tuition application deadline April 1

Emerald Eagle Scholars (University of North Texas)

Income \$40,000 or less tuition application deadline March 31

Bearkat Promise (Sam Houston State University)

Income \$25,000 or less tuition application deadline April 1

All of the above opportunities are subject to availability of funding from the State of Texas.