



2012 TESA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Six (6) scholarships will be awarded to three male and three female high school graduates from the 2012 graduating classes of Texas high schools. Each award will be in the amount of \$1,250.00 per year for the 2012-2016 academic years, for a total of \$5,000.00 per award.

Winners must attend an accredited junior college, college, or university in the State of Texas to receive the award. Students in the top 5% of their graduating class are NOT eligible for this award. Applicants will be judged on financial need, scholarship, leadership and extra-curricular activities, and strength of character.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

This application, with all required signatures and substantiating data, must be submitted to the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on or before March 2, 2012. No application will be accepted after this date.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be notified by May 21, 2012, and announced at the Texas Elks State Association convention in June 2012.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Awards will be paid to the school of enrollment, after the Texas Elks State Association receives a "Verification of Enrollment" from the school, as a credit for the applicant. The awards may be used for tuition, books, student fees, laboratory fees, and room and board (if the student is housed on campus).

This award will not be available to pay any fees or expenses prior to July 1, 2012.

TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

A student in the current graduating class of a Texas high school, or its related equivalent, who is NOT in the top 5 percentile of their graduating class, may file an application. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of American and a resident of Texas on the date the application is filed.

Applicants must file entries on the official application form furnished by the Texas Elks State Association. This form may be reproduced, but only one application may be filed with the B.P.O. Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area where the student has legal residence. Applications must be filed with the Sponsoring Lodge by March 2, 2012, and winners will be notified by May 21, 2012.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following merit standards:

Financial Need.....	300 Points
Scholarship	300 Points
Leadership/Extra-Curricular	200 Points
Character	200 Points

The scholarship will be in the form of a Certificate of Award issued by the Texas Elks State Association, conditioned upon the enrollment of the individual as a full-time student in an undergraduate four-year degree program at an accredited Junior College, College, or University in the State of Texas within the calendar year the scholarship is awarded.

These awards, identical for both males and females, will be provided for a four-year period at \$1,250.00 each year. Upon receipt of the "TESA Verification of Enrollment Form" from the proper school officials, TESA check in the amount of the award will be forwarded to the College or University to establish a credit for the student. For years 2, 3, and 4, the student will also be required to provide evidence of having successfully completed the previous academic year.

The award may be used for tuition, books, student fees, laboratory fees, and room and board (if housed on campus). The scholarship will not cover expenses or payments for an academic year begun prior to July 1, 2012. Unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal if conduct of the student is contrary to principles of law and order and morality supported by the Order of Elks.

After completing this application, make a photocopy for your records. Applications not endorsed by a member lodge of the Texas Elks State Association will be returned to the applicant.

All applications become the property of the Texas Elks State Association. Do not include original award documents or support materials as all applications will be destroyed after judging.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The applicant must use the official Texas Elks State Association form which may be reproduced. It must be dated and signed by the student and parent(s) or guardian. Typewritten applications are preferred over hand-written submissions and must be signed in all instances. ORIGINAL APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL LODGE. PHOTOCOPIED COMPLETED APPLICATIONS OR FACSIMILIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.

3. An official high school transcript of student grades from the beginning of the ninth grade to the due date of the application may be a photocopy that bears an original seal or stamp and signature of the proper school authority.

4. Photocopies of the most recent set of SAT and/or ACT scores must be included.

5. Applications must be properly bound on the left side with hinges or staples in a standard binder or cover. Elaborate bindings are discouraged. Clear plastic or bulky covers are undesirable. The application packet must not contain any loose documents.

6. Counting the Texas Elks State Association application pages, the completed brochure must not exceed 26 pages (one side only).

7. THE APPLICATION MUST BE ARRANGED IN THE ORDER DESCRIBED BELOW:

a. APPLICATION. Do not include the general information or instruction pages as part of your application. The first page of your brochure should be page 4 of the application document.

b. APPLICANT STATEMENT. The applicant must prepare a statement of 300 words or less setting forth his/her professional goal(s), and in a self-appraisal, relate how past, present, and future activities make attainment of the goal(s) probable. The statement must be signed.

c. PARENT STATEMENT. The parent/guardian must prepare a statement of 200 words or less summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement should illustrate the applicant's need for financial assistance and the family's prospect of satisfying those needs. Any special circumstances that might influence the applicant's or family's financial needs should be identified. The statement must be signed.

d. TRANSCRIPT. Official signed transcript(s) of high school grades and class standing must be included. If the school provides the transcript in a sealed envelope, open the envelope and include the transcript as a page of the application packet.

e. SAT/ACT SCORES. At least one set of college entrance test scores (SAT or ACT) must be included.

f. Copies of achievements and awards for leadership, extra-curricular activities, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other types of activities may be included up to the page limitation—but, avoid being repetitious.

8. Your brochure should be neat and organized as specified above. Be sure there are NO loose documents in the application packet. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL ELKS LODGE NO LATER THAN MARCH 2, 2012.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF TESA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STATEMENT OF REQUIRED FACTS

1. Please use your full legal name. Should you go by your middle name, please underline it. If you are known by a nickname, you may include it in parentheses.
2. Should you need more room to list schools attended, indicate that the list is continued, and continue the information on another sheet of paper and place it after the application form in your packet. (You may use the same page for any additional information throughout the application.)
3. Rank in class should indicate the number ranking in your graduating class. Do not use percentiles, quarters, or any other generalized category.
4. The applicant and applicable Mother/Father/Stepparent/Guardian must sign and date the application. The Lodge Endorsement portion will be completed by the local Elks Lodge.

EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY

1. If more room is needed for work history, please indicate that the list is continued, and continue the information on another sheet of paper and place it after the application form in your packet.
2. Savings accumulated for college education refers to savings accumulated by the applicant.

PARENTAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

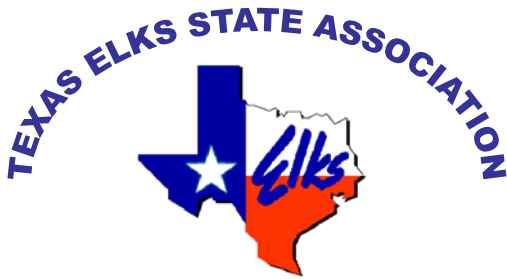
1. Throughout the application, parent information includes both parents except when one parent/guardian has legal custody of the applicant. If the noncustodial parent contributes to the support of the applicant or will be contributing toward college expenses of the applicant, then his/her financial information must be included in the application.
2. Family size includes all members living in the home where the applicant resides and who receive more than half of their support from the parents/guardian. Names and ages of dependents must be listed.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All figures are based on 2011 income/expenses. All income and expense amounts should be listed as yearly totals, not monthly expenses.

LEADERSHIP DATA

1. Indicate the grade in which each honor, award, office, or membership applies (9, 10, 11, or 12). If the same honor/award was received in multiple grades, list the honor/award only once, but indicate all grades the honor/award was received.
2. Do NOT include nominations for any honor, award, or membership. For example, being nominated for homecoming king/queen or National Honor Society does NOT count. However, being elected/chosen homecoming king/queen or actually being inducted into National Honor Society does count.
3. Take care to list scholastic, extra-curricular, and non-school related activities in the proper section of the Leadership Data.
4. Do not duplicate memberships. For example, membership in band for grades 10-11-12 and elected band president for grade 12 yields two years of membership where no office was held (10-11) and one year of office/position of leadership (12). Selection for all-district, all-region, and/or all-state band is considered additional honors and awards and should also be included.
5. Do NOT include a resume or list of information as an alternative to completing the Leadership Data page. If more room is needed for any section of Leadership Data, please continue the information on another sheet of paper and place it after the application form in your packet. Make sure that no information is duplicated on the Leadership Data page and the additional page, if included.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE COMPETITIVELY BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED, SCHOLASTICS, LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND EVIDENCE OF GOOD CHARACTER TRAITS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICATION DATA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

IMPORTANT: *Before preparing this application, it is recommended that instructions on pages 3 and 4 be carefully studied and then completely executed.*

This application must be filed with the B.P.O. Elks Lodge of jurisdiction on or before March 2, 2012.

Name _____

Address _____
 Street City State ZIP

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex (M/F) _____

Place of Birth (City/State) _____ Citizen of the United States of America (Y/N) _____

If not born a U.S. Citizen, give date and place of naturalization:

Date _____ Place _____ Court/City/State _____ Number _____

List all schools attended (9th through 12th grades):

Name of School	City/State	Date Attended	Grade(s)

Scheduled date of graduation: _____, 2012. Rank in class _____ Total students in class _____

We certify the information provided in this application is a true and accurate statement of fact.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Mother/Stepmother/Guardian _____

Signature of Father/Stepfather/Guardian _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE SPONSORING LODGE ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION JUDGING. APPLICATION MUST BE MADE ON THIS OFFICIAL TESA FORM. PHOTOCOPIES OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS OR FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION AND WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING.

LODGE ENDORSEMENT

This application, with attached exhibits, has been reviewed, the statements verified to the best of my ability, and it is in conformity with rules and regulations set forth by the Texas Elks State Association.

Lodge Name/Number _____ Date _____

Signature and Title (ER, Secretary, or Scholarship Chairman) _____

LODGE SEAL

LODGE PERSONNEL: NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2012, FORWARD THE WINNING APPLICATION(S) TO THE TESA STATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN.

EMPLOYMENT / WORK HISTORY

Note: Work in a family business or on a family farm should be included, whether or not you are paid. Use additional paper if needed.

Are you currently working? Yes No
 Worked during school year and summer—number of years _____
 Worked during summer only—number of years _____

Positions held in gainful employment (including part-time and/or summer jobs):

Employer	Position	Dates employed	Average hours per week	Rate of Pay

Savings (if any) accumulated for college education: \$ _____

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT PLANS

Texas accredited college, university, or junior college to which you have or plan to apply:

Have you been granted any scholarship aid? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college(s) to which you have made application? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

Have you reason to expect scholarship aid from any other source? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

Do you plan to work while attending college? Yes No

Do you plan to contribute to your education expenses? Yes No If yes, what percentage? _____ Amount? _____

PARENTAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Father Name: _____ Age: _____

Stepfather Occupation: _____

Guardian

Mother Name: _____ Age: _____

Stepmother Occupation: _____

Guardian

Parents' marital status: Mother: Married Unmarried Deceased Father: Married Unmarried Deceased

FAMILY SIZE: _____ (Include parents, student applicant, other dependent children, and other family members receiving more than half their support from parents.)

List names and ages of dependents other than the student applicant: _____

Other dependent children in college? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

LEADERSHIP DATA
SCHOLASTIC ORGANIZATIONS AND AWARDS

Note: Refer to Application instruction on pages 3 and 4 to accurately complete Leadership Data.

Honors and Awards (Nature of honor or award and grade received):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

Offices and positions of Leadership (Name of organization, position title, and grade):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

Member of organization where no office was held (Name of organization and grade):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

SCHOOL RELATED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Note: Sports, music, agriculture, drama, etc. should be included here

Honors and Awards (Name of honor or award and grade received):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

Offices and positions of Leadership (Name of organization, position held, and grade):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

Member of organizations where no office was held (Name of organization and grade):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

NON-SCHOOL RELATED CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Note: List only activities occurring during 4 years of high school

Honors and Awards (Nature of honor or award and calendar year, i.e., Eagle Scout/Girl Scout, Candy Striper of the Year, etc.):

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

Member of organization or agency where no office was held, the service you performed, and the number of volunteer hours:

Agency or Organization	Kind of service	Dates of participation	Total hours

Please list any additional honors or activities on a separate sheet if not enough space is available in any of the above categories.