



**TSUS Regents' Student Scholar Award
Guidelines and Criteria
2026**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Texas State University System Regents' Student Scholar program is to recognize and reward outstanding students who have achieved highest honors in academic and co-curricular endeavors while enrolled full-time at a component institution. Selection as a Regents' Student Scholar is one of the highest honors a student can receive in the Texas State University System, and membership in this group reflects a dedication to academic excellence, leadership and service.

AWARD: Winners of the Regents' Student Scholar Award will receive:

- A \$5,000 scholarship from the Texas State University System Foundation payable to the component institution for use by the student toward fees, textbooks and other educational expenses, including, but not limited to, lodging, dining and parking.
- A proclamation signed by the Board of Regents and a commemorative medallion reflecting selection as a Regents' Student Scholar, formally presented at a regular meeting of the Board.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for consideration, students must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be currently enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student at a Texas State University System component institution.
- If enrolled at a two-year institution, student must have completed a minimum of 25 academic hours, or if enrolled at a four-year institution, student must have completed a minimum of 60 academic hours.
- Maintained a minimum 3.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a four-point scale for the previous two long semesters.
- Not have been on academic or disciplinary probation at any time while attending the institution.
- Demonstrate active involvement in co-curricular campus and leadership activities.
- Submit a completed application packet, including required attachments, to the designated representative at the institution.
- Must be enrolled full-time at component institution for at least one long semester following selection as a Regents' Student Scholar.

SELECTION PROCESS: The following annual schedule will govern the review, recommendation and announcement process for the Regents' Student Scholar program. Component institutions will identify specific procedures as needed to meet the deadlines below.

- The Executive Director of the Foundation will call for nominations from the component institutions via email to the presidents no later than February 1.
- A completed Regents' Student Scholar application packet, including required attachments, shall be submitted to the designated representative at component institution.
- The Vice President for Student Affairs/Services will review the applications based on the applicant criteria and program purpose and submit the recommended application(s) to the president of the institution for final review/approval.
- The president of each component institution will submit one (1) nomination to the TSUS Foundation no later than July 15.
- Upon recommendation of the Chancellor, the Foundation Board of Directors shall determine the recipient(s) of the Texas State University System Regents' Student Scholar award, if any. The recipient(s) will be formally recognized at the regular Board of Regents meeting in November.

APPLICATION PACKET: To be considered an official applicant, students must submit the following to the designated representative at the student's component institution by April 1:

- A completed Texas State University System Regents' Student Scholar Application Form (see page 3).
- An official copy of the student's cumulative university transcript, which includes all collegiate academic work attempted and completed.
- Three (3) original letters of recommendation – one (1) from the student's college dean and two (2) from component institution faculty members. A component institution staff member may be substituted for one faculty member.
- A current resume in Times New Roman or Arial font.
- A typed, 500-word essay in Times New Roman or Arial font discussing "The Value of a College Education."

TSUS Regents' Student Scholar nomination packets due internally to your College Dean by 5:00pm, April 1, 2026:

- Dean Rebecca Boone, College of Arts and Sciences, Parker Bldg. 203.
- Dean Joby John, College of Business, Galloway Bldg. 232.
- Dean Johnny O'Connor, College of Education & Human Development, Education Bldg. 205.
- Interim Dean Tracy Benson, College of Engineering, Cherry Bldg. 2000
- Dean Golden Wright, College of Fine Arts & Communication: Theater Arts Bldg. 201.

Deans, please deliver or email nomination packets by June 1, 2026, to:

Dr. Samuel Jator, Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
 Reaud Building, Office 310
Academicaffairs@lamar.edu

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS' STUDENT SCHOLAR APPLICATION FORM

1. Name (Last/First):		
2. University/Campus:		
3. Student ID #:		
4. Local Address:		
5. Permanent Address:		
6. Telephone	Mobile:	Home:
7. E-Mail Address:		
8. Academic Classification:		
9. Declared Major/Minor:		
10. Current Cumulative GPA:		Hours Completed:
11. Transfer Hours, if any:		Transfer GPA:
12. If Transfer, List Universities:		
13. Expected Date of Graduation:		
14. Name/Title of References (See 18. below)		
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Please attach the following on separate sheet(s) of standard paper labeled with applicant's name:

15. List of all honors and awards received as a university student to date.
16. List of campus and community projects, programs, events, etc. reflecting student's direct involvement in co-curricular and leadership activities while enrolled as a university student to date.
17. An official copy of the student's cumulative university transcript, which includes all collegiate academic work attempted and completed.
18. Three (3) original letters of recommendation – one (1) from student's college dean and two (2) from component institution faculty members.
19. A current resume on standard white paper in Times New Roman or Arial font.
20. Typed, 500-word essay in Times New Roman or Arial font discussing, "The Value of a College Education in America."

I certify all of the information provided within and attached to this TSUS Regents' Student Scholar Application is true and correct, and I am aware misstatement, misrepresentation or omission of fact may result in my disqualification from consideration or selection.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____