



## TSC SCORPION SCHOLARS 2018-2019

### Scholarship Guidelines

Please read the application carefully and answer all questions entirely before submitting. Submitting an incomplete packet will result in a rejected application. Scholarship application packet should include the following:

1. Scorpion Scholars application
2. High School transcript
3. Reference Letter from High School Counselor, Community Member or Teacher
4. Essay
5. Thank You Letter (if a selected recipient)

#### Please submit your completed application to:

TSC Financial Aid Office  
Arnulfo Oliveira Student Services Center  
80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520

#### Criteria:

- 2018 graduate from an accredited Cameron County or Willacy County high school.
- Graduate from high school with an overall 3.0/4.0 GPA or above, and a 3.0/4.0 GPA for any college courses completed during high school (or the equivalent based on GPA scale).
- Be TSI College Ready or TSI Exempt.

### Award

- Annual Award = \$2,000 (\$1,000 each fall/spring semester), with maximum of \$4,000 awarded.

### Program Requirements

- Enroll at TSC for fall 2018.
- Maintain a 3.0/4.0 cumulative GPA.
- Remain continuously enrolled (at least 12 semester credit hours, with the exception of programs that are in cohorts and the semester requires less than 12 semester credit hours) during the fall and spring semesters.
- Participate in assigned Scorpion Scholars activities (meetings, activities, workshops).
- Students may not drop a class, withdraw, repeat courses, or change majors without the approval of the Scorpion Scholars Advisor.
- Students must strictly follow a TSC degree plan, or receive approval to deviate from their degree plan from an Academic Advisor, in consultation with Instruction.
- Student must attend an orientation and sign a contract agreeing to program requirements.

Failure to maintain eligibility requirements may result in the student being placed on probation for the following semester. If the student fails to meet any of the other requirements during the probation semester or thereafter, it will result in termination from the program.

## DEADLINE: JULY 27, 2018

*Late applications are NOT accepted*

## Personal Background Information

TSC Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number-Street City, State Zip Code

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  U.S Citizen  Non- citizen  Permanent Resident

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Resident:  Yes  No

## Academic Information

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of college credits earned to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Statement

Provide a typed personal statement in 250-500 words and attach to your scholarship application. The statement should be addressed to the TSC Foundation and must include:

- A brief history of your background, include your leadership qualities, community involvement, and potential for academic success
- Your educational and career goals, along with an explanation of what motivates you to achieve your goals
- A description of how the scholarship will benefit you (how you will use the scholarship funds)
- A statement showing your appreciation to the TSC Foundation for providing the scholarship

## Nepotism Statement

### Texas Education Code, Rule §22.404

State law requires that each student identify any relation to a current Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees. It is a class B misdemeanor to file a false statement. A student who is related to a current Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless:

1. The scholarship is granted by a private organization or third party not affiliated with the institution of higher education;
2. The scholarship is awarded exclusively on the basis of prior academic merit;
3. The scholarship is an athletic scholarship; or
4. The relationship is not within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity.

Please review a list of current members of the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees at <http://tsc.edu/index.php/about/board-of-trustees/board-members.html> and then select the most appropriate answer below indicating your relation to any of the TSC Board of Trustees.

- Not related to a TSC Board of Trustee member
- I am a TSC Board of Trustees' mother, father, daughter or son;
- I am a TSC Board of Trustees' brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild;
- I am a TSC Board of Trustees' great-grandchild, uncle (brother of parent), aunt (sister of parent) nephew (son of brother or sister), or niece (daughter of brother or sister);
- I am a TSC Board of Trustees' spouse, spouse's child, spouse's mother or father, child's spouse, or parent's spouse
- I am a TSC Board of Trustees' spouse's brother or sister, spouse's grandparent, spouse's grandchild, brother or sister's spouse, grandparent's spouse, or grandchild's spouse

## Certification Release and Signature

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration of this scholarship.

I understand I will not submit this application without all required documentation and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_