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Senator Hancock Accepting Applications for Texas Armed Services Scholarship *Graduating high school seniors may be eligible to apply for ROTC accolade, annual financial award*

AUSTIN - Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) today opened the Senate District 9 application period for the 2018-2019 Texas Armed Services Scholarship.

"We have some first-rate students in our community who have decided to pursue military service," said Sen. Hancock, "and we want to encourage them in that endeavor."

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship, administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), was created by the Texas Legislature in 2009 to assist promising students from throughout the state who are committed to education and service.

It encourages young leaders to participate in Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) programs at Texas institutions of higher learning and to become commissioned officers in the United States Armed Services or members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air Force National Guard, the Texas State Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine force. Each member of the Texas Legislature is able to appoint one qualified student for the annual accolade.

For more information about the program or to apply, contact Senator Hancock's district office at (817) 514-3804.

The Senate District 9 application deadline for the 2018-2019 school year is Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

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Senator Hancock represents <u>Senate District 9</u>, which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties. He also serves as Chairman of the Senate Business & Commerce Committee.