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## **Sen. Kelly Hancock Accepting Applications for 2024-25 Texas Armed Services Scholarship**

*Graduating high school seniors may be eligible to apply for ROTC accolade,  
annual financial award*

**AUSTIN** — The office of Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 Texas Armed Services Scholarship.

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) was created by the Texas Legislature in 2009 to offer financial support to aspiring young Texans as they commit to the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) and 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 scholarship.

"Many young Texans selflessly choose to serve our country after graduating from college," said Sen. Kelly Hancock, chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs. "Supporting these students as they achieve their goals in both higher education and military service is an honor."

Hancock today also announced the members of the Senate District 9 TASSP Selection Board. These community leaders will assist in selecting the Senate District 9 appointee for the 2024-25 academic year:

**Neal Adams**, a Texas native, served in his senior year as Adjutant General of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets' Second Brigade and Head Yell Leader while pursuing his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing before obtaining his Juris Doctor at Baylor University School of Law. President of the law firm of Adams, Lynch & Loftin P.C. in Grapevine, Neal has practiced law in Tarrant County for over 50 years. Committed to public service, he served on the Board of Trustees for HEB ISD for seven years and as a gubernatorial appointee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for six years. Neal has additionally served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Higher Education Foundation since 2009 and has over a decade of experience being Chairman of the Board. He and his wife, Sonja, have two daughters

**Marcy Barkemeyer** spent 16 years in public education before opening the real estate business she now runs serving Northeast Tarrant County and the DFW Metroplex. A longtime resident of Hurst, then North Richland Hills, Marcy is a proud United States Marine Corps mom. Her son, Blake, graduated from

Birdville High School in 2012 and is currently serving in the Marine Corps Reserves, Washington D.C. having achieved the rank of Captain.

**Amelia Owre**, a native of Farmers Branch, graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. After earning her wings as a Naval Aviator, Amelia was stationed in San Diego, CA where she flew SH-60F, HH-60H and MH-60S helicopters and deployed onboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-68). Following her fleet tour, Amelia was given the unique opportunity to help stand up the first unmanned systems training program in the Navy. After leaving active duty, Amelia transitioned to the civilian sector, taking a position within the growing commercial drone industry as the Director of Training for a nationwide drone training startup. After 6 rewarding years working with commercial UAS, Amelia decided the time was right to transition back to the government, taking on the role of Community Planning and Liaison Officer at NAS JRB Fort Worth. In this role, she leads the installation encroachment team, provides expertise on land use planning issues, and works with local and regional government agencies and staff to facilitate intergovernmental coordination. Amelia has also continued her military service in the reserves and will retire from the Navy with 20 years of service this month.

To learn more about the program or request an application, students may contact Senator Hancock's district office at (817) 332-1131.

The Senate District 9 application deadline for the 2024-25 academic year award is **Friday, July 12, 2024**.

*Senator Hancock represents Senate District 9 in Tarrant County. He currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs Committee and Vice Chairman of the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.*

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