

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Application For the 2024-2025 School Year Texas State Senator Tan Parker Senate District 12

Thank you for your interest in the **Texas Armed Services Scholarship**, a program that encourages young leaders to participate in the Texas Guard, Army National Guard, Air National Guard or to become commissioned officers in the United States Armed Services.

To be eligible for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year, please complete and return this form along with a resume or bio with a cover letter that includes information on the Texas public or private accredited institution of higher education you are enrolled and information on how you plan on serving in the U.S. Military. These documents along with this application must be returned to Senator Tan Parker by mailing or hand delivering to 600 Parker Square, Suite 250, Flower Mound, TX 75028. You may also return via email to caleb.humphrey@senate.texas.gov. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt, please contact the office of Senator Tan Parker to verify your application was received.

The application period ends August 15, 2024, though early submission is encouraged to allow for more scheduling options related to your in-person interview. You will be contacted to schedule an in-person interview as part of the decision-making process after you submit your paperwork.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board projects up to \$15,000 for the scholarship award and will determine the award amount based on available funding in early September 2024. While a final determination of the scholarship amount will not be made until that time, in no case will the award exceed the student's cost of attendance less the total amount to be paid to a student for that academic year for being under contract with one of the branches of the Armed Services of the United States and other financial assistance.

Full Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Street Address:		
City:	Zip:	
Tel: (h)	(m)	
Email:		
High School Name:	Graduation Date:	

The following are general questions about accomplishments and future plans. Please feel free to provide this information in the space provided or prepare your answers on a separate paper. You may also reference your resume/bio if these items are already covered in your submitted document. This application and any supporting documents <u>must be accompanied by a cover letter</u> that describes your motivating factors for seeking this scholarship and why you wish to serve in our Nation's military.

Please describe any academic/school honors:
Do you participate in extracurricular activities? If so, please describe.
Do you volunteer for any organizations or conduct volunteer services? Please describe:
Please provide the name, relationship and contact information for three references: 1
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The following information details the requirements to be awarded the scholarship as well as what you must accept responsibility for in maintaining your eligibility. Please read this section carefully and in its entirety. Your final signature and submission of the application is consent that you understand, qualify and agree with the statements below.

Program criteria and eligibility are ultimately decided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and are not at the discretion of Senator Tan Parker, his staff, nor members of the nominating committee for Senate District 12 applicants. You can review the THECB website specifically outlining the 2021-2022 scholarship requirements through the HH Loans website for updates at http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=8FB593C7-EE1E-7872-00A8808886543AEE

2024/2025 - Freshman Applicants

Please check the two that apply to declare your eligibility in two of the following four categories:
Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher;
Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23);
Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

If you are a non-freshman student applying for an initial award, you must meet the **continuing eligibility requirements** outlined below that **also apply for continuing receipt of the scholarship**.

Eligibility for Receipt of Initial Scholarship

To receive an initial conditional scholarship award through the Texas Armed Services Scholarship, a selected student must:

- > Be enrolled in a Texas public or private accredited institution of higher education
- ➤ Be a member in good standing of a ROTC program while enrolled in the institution, as certified by the institution

- Enter into a written agreement with the Coordinating Board agreeing to:
 - o Complete four years of ROTC training
 - o Graduate no later than six years after the date the student first enrolls at an institution of higher education
 - No later than six months after graduation, provide the Coordinating Board with verification of:
 - A four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine; or
 - A contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States
 - Meet all prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine or the branch of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract; and
 - Repay the award if the student fails to meet the requirements for obtaining the award.

Eligibility for Continued Scholarship Awards (as funding is available)

Dependent on funding available, a student may continue to receive an annual conditional Texas Armed Services Scholarship, if the student:

- ➤ Maintains satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution of in which the student is enrolled;
- > Continues to be a member of a ROTC program; and
- ➤ Has not earned a baccalaureate degree or a cumulative total of 150 credit hours, including transferred hours

Requirements Post-College

No later than six months after graduation, you must provide the Coordinating Board with verification of:

- A four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine; or a contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States;
- ➤ Meet all prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine or the branch of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract;
- > Repay the scholarship if you fail to meet the requirements for obtaining the scholarship.

By signing below, you agree that the statements and information provided in this application are true, accurate, and complete. Any misrepresentation of facts or false statements may result in immediate disqualification. By signing below, you understand the program requirements and agree to fulfill and abide by the statements outlined in this application. Failure to maintain program eligibility or fulfill the 4-year military agreement will result in your full financial liability for monies granted. You furthermore understand that in addition to the information provided and the personal interview, other considerations such as social media and personal references will also be weighted in the decision process.

Printed Name:	
Date:	

Please contact Caleb Humphrey with any questions or if you need to arrange a time to drop off your application either by calling the District Office at 972.724.8477 or emailing caleb.humphrey@senate.texas.gov. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR IS AUGUST 15, 2024. Thank you for your interest in the Texas Armed Services Scholarship!