

*The UTSA Family of the Year essay contest* is intended to celebrate the supportive role families play in the lives of students and the University community. At UTSA, family is defined as individuals and group members who support their student. Family members include parents, spouses, partners, siblings, grandparents, cousins, extended relations, and close friends.

All current, full time UTSA, good standing students for fall 2018, are eligible to nominate their own or any family by submitting a completed application and essay by 5pm on Friday, September 7, 2018 to Orientation & Family Programs. All applicants must also meet the GPA Requirement which must be either at or above a cumulative 2.0.

The nominated family must have a membership with the UTSA Family Association. For more information on UTSA's Family Association and Family Association Membership please visit [www.utsa.edu/family](http://www.utsa.edu/family).

### PRIZES

The Family described in the winning essay will be named the 2018-19 UTSA Family of the Year, and receive prizes valued in excess of \$1000, such as:

- A gift basket with various UTSA Gifts
- A gift certificate to a San Antonio Hotel for overnight stay
- Six suite tickets to a UTSA Football Game
- Six tickets to the Roadrunner Lounge at a UTSA Football Game
- A commemorative Family of the Year plaque and Photo Frame
- Your Family's photo and/or essay excerpts featured on the Family Association website and on the Orientation and Family Programs' Leadership Legacy awards wall in the Multidisciplinary Studies Building, Main Campus.

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

All applicants must complete the 2018-2019 Family of the Year Essay Contest Application along with a Family of the Year Essay. The essay must be no more than two pages in length, typed, double spaced, with one inch margins and using a 12 point font. Applicants must address the Family of the Year Essay Prompts which include:

- *How your family has supported your academic career and journey at UTSA*
- *How your family's support has impacted your success and experience at UTSA*
- *How your family has shown they have the ultimate enthusiasm and love for UTSA*

All completed applications and essays must be submitted either by mail, email, fax or via online at RowdyLink. Submit completed application and essay using any one of the methods listed below:

- ▶ **MAIL TO:**  
UTSA Orientation & Family Programs  
One UTSA Circle  
San Antonio, TX 78249
- ▶ **EMAIL TO:**  
[family@utsa.edu](mailto:family@utsa.edu)
- ▶ **COMPLETE FORM ONLINE:**  
UTSA Family Association RowdyLink
- ▶ **FAX TO:**  
210.458.7477

Essays will be judged according to the following criteria:

- *Evidence of family's support for the student applicant's academic career and journey*
- *Evidence of family's support at UTSA*
- *Evidence of family's enthusiasm for UTSA*
- *Creativity*
- *Grammar*

A selection committee consisting of UTSA faculty, staff and administrators will review all submissions. Once submitted, all applications and essays will become property of The University of Texas at San Antonio.

For information on UTSA's Family Association or to learn more about how to become a member visit [www.utsa.edu/family](http://www.utsa.edu/family).

The winning family must attend the 2018 Family Weekend Kick Off Dinner where they will be honored guests and recognized formally as the 2018-2019 Family of the Year. Family Weekend is September 28-29.



# Family Association

## 2018-2019 Family of the Year Essay Contest Application

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*STREET CITY STATE ZIP*

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ myUTSA Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID#: @ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours Enrolled for Fall 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification/Number of Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Yes, at least one member of my nominated family is part of the UTSA Family Association

Number of family members nominated including self: \_\_\_\_\_ (max number is 5)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
*NAME RELATIONSHIP UTSA ALUM/GRADUATION YEAR NAME RELATIONSHIP UTSA ALUM/GRADUATION YEAR*

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5) \_\_\_\_\_  
*NAME RELATIONSHIP UTSA ALUM/GRADUATION YEAR*

▶ **THE DEADLINE** to submit a completed application and essay is 5pm on Friday, September 7, 2018

▶ **PLEASE SUBMIT** separate pages for your Family of the Year Essay and attach them to the Family of the Year Application.

▶ **QUESTIONS** about the Family of the Year Contest or the selection process should be addressed to Orientation and Family Programs at family@utsa.edu.

*I certify the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. You have my permission to verify my grade point average. I authorize Student Conduct and Community Standards to conduct a background check and disseminate that information to the Office of Orientation and Family Programs regarding any criminal or behavioral records as a part of the Family of the Year selection process.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE