**Purpose:**
The Access College and Excel (ACE) Scholar Program promotes academic success for ACE scholars through a variety of programs including tutoring, mentoring, and dedicated individual academic advising. This helps to provide a bridge in order to make the transition from high school to college as successful as possible. Students are encouraged to explore their interests and expand on their academic experience while also practicing good time management and planning skills.

**Eligibility:**
High school senior from the following high schools:
- Brackenridge
- Edison
- Fox Tech
- Harlandale
- Highlands
- Jefferson
- Kennedy
- Lanier
- Memorial
- McCollum
- Sam Houston
- Southwest
- Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA)

**Scholarship Awards:**
- Up to $2,400 over the course of 2 years

**Deadlines:**
- **Priority Deadline:** March 30, 2017
- **Final:** April 14, 2017

**Interviews:**
- Candidates will interview with a member of the ACE Scholar Program committee the week in April-May 2017 (candidates will be contacted to set up individual interviews)

**Rules:**
- Application should be filled out by student (please follow instructions carefully)
- Write a well-developed essay by answering the questions on the ACE application
- The essay must be between 500-600 words, typed in Times New Roman, 12pt. font, double spaced, on one side of 81/2” by 11” paper
- Two letters of recommendation

**Address:**
- Drop off completed application (pages 1&2), and letters of recommendation at the UTSA Downtown Campus Durango Building 2.114
- Mail your essay, completed application (pages 1&2), and letters of recommendation to:
  
  **UTSA Downtown Campus**  
  **Tomás Rivera Center for Student Success**  
  **Access College and Excel Scholar Program**  
  **501 W. César E. Chávez Blvd.**  
  **San Antonio, TX 78207**

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Student Application Form
All parts of the application must be complete and submitted with ALL attachments before being considered.

CAP Students will not be accepted

PLEASE PRINT
PLEASE USE BLACK INK

Name of Applicant: __________________________________________________________

Last       First       Middle        Banner ID# __________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: ________________________________________________________________

Street       City       State       Zip ______________________________________________

Primary Telephone: (CELL) __________________________________ Intended Major: __________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________ Email Address: __________________________

How did you hear about ACE? ☐ High School Counselor ☐ Leticia Longoria-Fisher, Director
☐ UTSA READY ☐ OTHER __________________________________

High School Attended: Check which applies to you:

☐ Highlands  ☐ Lanier  ☐ Fox Tech  ☐ Edison  ☐ Jefferson  ☐ Sam Houston

☐ Harlandale  ☐ Kennedy  ☐ Memorial  ☐ McCollum  ☐ Brackenridge

☐ Southwest  ☐ YWLA

High School Grade Point Average: ___________ Class Ranking ___________

Attendance Record (in percentages): __________________________

Have you applied to UTSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, have you been admitted to UTSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please answer the following questions in a well-developed essay with a minimum of 5 paragraphs using Times Roman 12 font, double spaced and one inch margins.

- What motivated you to pursue a higher education?

- What background, talents, or strengths do you possess that will help you to succeed at the University of Texas at San Antonio?
• In what areas do you feel that you need the most help to be successful in college? How do you hope that the Access College and Excel Scholars Program will meet these needs?

• Describe examples of your leadership experience in which you significantly influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time. Consider responsibilities to initiatives taken in or out of school.

• Please share your intended major and explain why you chose that major.

• Tell us why you feel you should be selected for the ACE Scholar Program.

**ACE Scholar Program Requirements**

- Must be accepted at the University of Texas at San Antonio
- Students must attend the UTSA/ACE Freshman Orientation
- Will enroll in at least 12 hours at the Downtown Campus only for the 1st semester
- Enroll in College Success Seminar 1201 (Fall 2017)
- Attend a service learning project
- Attend ACE Reception and Luncheons
- Attend monthly meetings with academic advisor
- Meet with peer mentor on a regular basis during the 2017-2018 Academic Year

**UTSA/ACE FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are selected for the access college and excel scholar program, you are required to attend one of the following freshman orientations:

- TBD

My signature certifies that the information on this application is complete and accurate. Also, I understand I am agreeing to all ACE requirements if selected for the 2017-2018 ACE Scholar Program.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _____________________
CHECKLIST

☐ All questions typed on a separate sheet of paper  ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation

Two Letters of Recommendation MUST be included with each student’s application.

The Letters of Recommendation must include the following information about the candidate:

- Strengths
- Motivation
- Capabilities
- Personal Characteristics

The Letter of Recommendation must also include the student’s overall attitude towards:

- Education
- Collaboration
- Community Projects
- Following Instructions

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Contact Information Below:

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