TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TASSP) FACT SHEET

The purpose of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, members of the Texas Air Force National Guard, and commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the governor and the lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional scholarship.

REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT

Selected students must meet two of the following four academic criteria:
- Is on track to graduate high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB)
- Has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1590) or ACT (23)
- Is currently ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must:
- Be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, state senator or state representative
- Be enrolled as a freshman at an eligible institution
- Enroll in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- Agree to:
  - Complete four years of ROTC training
  - Graduate no later than five years after the date first enrolled
  - After graduation, enter into:
    - A four year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army or Texas Air Force National Guard, or
    - Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States
  - Repay the scholarship if the requirements are not met
- Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To maintain eligibility for future awards, the student must:
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution
- Continue to be a member of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)
- Not have earned a baccalaureate degree or completed a cumulative total 150 hours

AWARD AMOUNTS

The amount of the award will be the lesser of:
- $15,000.00
- The amount available for each scholarship from appropriation for that year
- $15,000.00 less any amount paid to a student by a branch of the armed forces of the United State during the academic year

REPAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship will become a loan if the student fails to:
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Fulfill any terms of the terms of the scholarship
- Fulfill a four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army or Air Force National Guard, or
- Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States

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APPLICATIONS

Interested students may contact their legislator for more information. Each legislator may set-up additional requirements for their selection process and may use any application process the legislator wishes to use to seek student nominations. To be considered for a scholarship students may contact the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, a Texas State Senator, or a Texas State Representative. Students may locate their legislator by visiting this link: http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/. To contact the Governor’s office, a student may call the Appointments Office at (512) 463-1828 or visit the office’s web page at: http://governor.state.tx.us/appointments/. The Lt. Governor’s office may be reached at (512) 463-0001.

For more information, review Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter RR, and Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter X. You may also call our Loan Services department in Austin (512) 427-6340 or toll-free (outside Austin metro): 1-800-242-3062 or send an e-mail to Loan Services.

A person submitting misleading or fraudulent information to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in an attempt to obtain financial aid is subject to criminal prosecution. Please contact the Fraud Hotline to report suspected fraud.