Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.
ANNOUNCES THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE
DR. LAURO F. CAVAZOS TECH PREP SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarship Competition for 2011-2012 High School Seniors
For Studies Beginning in the 2012-2013 Academic Year

Cavazos Scholarships Available
• $5,000 to any College or University
• $4,200 (two President’s Scholarships of $2,100 each) for Texas State Technical College Harlingen
• $3,000 Scholarship for The University of Texas-Pan American
• $3,000 Scholarship for The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College
• $2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship for Texas State Technical College in a major related to construction management (see listing of TSTC programs for Achieve Texas clusters in Architecture and Construction and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics at http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/oss/AchieveTexas.aspx)

Important Information
1. The student must submit a separate application for each scholarship for which he or she wishes to be considered.

2. Applicants are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to have their counselors or teachers review applications prior to submission. Important Information for Counselors/Teachers Who Review Applications: Please verify that students have followed all instructions and that the “College Tech Prep program” information listed on the front page of the student’s scholarship application is correct. The College Tech Prep program named on the front page of the application must be the College Tech Prep program of study for which the student could transfer in one or more college-level Tech Prep courses completed in high school. The college-level Tech Prep course(s) that could be transferred into the college program must be a career and technical education course(s) that is either an articulated course (ATC) or a dual-credit course.

3. Each scholarship awarded by a college or university is subject to the rules of that particular college or university. Generally this requires students to remain in good academic standing and to be enrolled full-time. Each student who receives a scholarship for a particular college or university will be given the name of a contact in the Financial Aid office of that college or university. These Financial Aid contacts will explain the rules applicable to the scholarships for their institutions.

4. An electronic copy of this scholarship application may be downloaded through Tech Prep RGV’s website at http://techpreprgv.com/downloads.shtml

For additional information, contact the Tech Prep office at 956.364.4509.

5. Applications must be mailed or delivered to this address: TECH PREP OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, INC., Attention: Marketing and Awards Committee TSTC Service Support Center, Suite 123; 1902 North Loop 499; Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697

6. Individual scholarship applications must be RECEIVED or POSTMARKED by Friday, March 9, 2012, at 4 p.m.

7. The following applications will not be accepted: (a) late applications; (b) partial applications; (c) applications that are not typed or computer generated, and (d) faxed applications.

8. Complete information is contained in the attached application. For additional information, contact Tech Prep at 956.364.4509.
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*Please use the forms that are included in this packet.

Submit a separate application for each scholarship for which you wish to be considered.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

SIX SCHOLARSHIPS: Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., is pleased to announce the Thirteenth Annual Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarship competition. Four Cavazos Scholarships will be awarded, as follows:

- A $5,000 scholarship to any College or University
- Two separate $2,100 President’s Scholarships for Texas State Technical College Harlingen
- A $3,000 scholarship for The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College
- A $3,000 scholarship for The University of Texas-Pan American
- A $2,000 scholarship awarded by SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. – The SpawGlass Scholarship - for students enrolling at Texas State Technical College Harlingen in a major related to construction management (see listing of TSTC programs for Achieve Texas clusters in Architecture and Construction and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics at http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/oss/AchieveTexas.aspx)

The $5,000 Cavazos Scholarship and $2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship are awarded directly by the Tech Prep Board of Directors and are subject to rules adopted by the Tech Prep Board. Each scholarship funded by a college or university is subject to the rules and regulations of the college or university funding the scholarship. Each student who is awarded a scholarship will receive written notice from Tech Prep RGV that the scholarship has been awarded. The written notice will explain the guidelines applicable to that scholarship. Generally, those guidelines are as follows:

- For the scholarships funded directly by Tech Prep RGV, the award will be paid in four equal installments for the freshman and sophomore years of college. Students are required to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and may apply for an extension of up to one year to utilize the funds awarded. The scholarship recipients will receive guidelines and forms to be completed and returned to Tech Prep RGV.
- For scholarships funded by colleges and universities, each recipient will be given the name of a contact in the Financial Aid office of that college or university. These Financial Aid contacts will explain the rules applicable to the scholarships for their institutions.

Continuation funding for all scholarships is contingent on compliance with performance requirements applicable to each individual scholarship (for example, the scholarship recipient may be required to maintain full-time status and a 3.0 cumulative GPA). The requirements applicable to each scholarship will be explained by the representative of the organization funding the scholarship: the appropriate staff member of Tech Prep RGV or the Financial Aid officer of the college or university.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Eligible applicants are high school graduates who graduated as Tech Prep Texas Scholars after the fall semester 2011 or who will graduate as Tech Prep Texas Scholars at the end of the spring semester 2012. Applications for students who do not meet the selection criteria will not be considered.
SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION:
Applications must be RECEIVED or POSTMARKED by the date and time, and delivered or mailed to the location, specified below:

Date and Time: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.
Location: Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.
Attn.: Marketing and Awards Committee
TSTC Support Services Building, Suite 123
1902 North Loop 499
Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697

Applicants are strongly encouraged to have a counselor or a teacher review their applications prior to submitting them. (See instructions for counselors/teachers on page 1 of this application.)

Some applications have been disqualified for routine errors (such as not correctly identifying College Tech Prep programs and/or college-level Tech Prep courses [career and technical education courses that are articulated and/or dual-credit courses] that would transfer into Tech Prep programs at colleges). Counselors or teachers should be able to assist applicants with answering these questions correctly. In addition, counselors or teachers should review applications to be sure that applicants have fully complied with instructions. Applications for which applicants have not followed all instructions will not be considered.

Applications must be complete and in order, as follows:
1. Scholarship Application Cover Page (form enclosed in this package).
2. Two separate letters of reference--one from school personnel and one from a personal reference who is not a family member (forms enclosed in this package)
3. Tech Prep Career Essay (form enclosed in this package)
4. Copy of High School Transcript reflecting a Tech Prep program of study

Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered, but must be received or postmarked by the stated deadline.

Late applications, partial applications, applications that are not typed or computer-generated and faxed applications will not be accepted.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY:
Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the Tech Prep RGV Board later in the year. In addition, applicants may also be honored during ceremonies at their current schools.
CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET:

1. The applicant must be a fall 2011 or spring 2012 Tech Prep Texas Scholar high school graduate.

2. The applicant must have graduated from, or be preparing to graduate from, the high school portion of a College Tech Prep program for which there is a plan in place with South Texas College, Texas State Technical College Harlingen, or the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE TECH PREP PROGRAM MUST APPEAR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE APPLICATION.

3. The applicant should have participated in (or be scheduled to participate in, prior to graduation), a work-based learning experience. Work-based learning experiences include experiences similar to these: an industry speaker’s presentation to the student’s class (as in a career day or a Texas Scholars presentation); a career fair (e.g., the Education & Career EXPO); a field trip to an employer’s place of business; job-shadowing; mentoring (e.g., RGV Mentors); a Careers in Construction presentation; an internship; a part-time job; a preceptorship, or co-op class; and so forth.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER ESSAYS:

1. The applicant must submit an essay that answers these questions:

   A. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today?

   B. Are you planning to enroll in the college part of the Tech Prep program in which you were enrolled at the time you graduated from high school? Why or why not?

   C. Have you earned any industry certifications? If “yes,” what certifications did you earn”?

   D. If you are applying for a scholarship to UTPA, UTB/TSC, or TSTC, explain the reason you want to go to that college or university.

   E. If you are applying for the $5,000 scholarship, name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.

   F. If you are applying for the $2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship, explain the reason you have chosen that college major.

   G. Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?

   H. Describe one work-related experience (see instructions) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.

7. The essay MUST be either typewritten or computer-generated.

8. The essay must be no more than two double-spaced pages in length using 12-point font.
Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR
2011-2012 SENIORS TO BE USED BEGINNING
2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR

DR. LAURO F. CAVAZOS TECH PREP SCHOLARSHIPS:  APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Please type or computer-generate all information.
2. Completed applications must be received or postmarked by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.
3. Please indicate the scholarship for which you are applying by checking the applicable box.

Complete a separate application for each scholarship for which you are applying. Check only one box per application:

☐ $5,000 scholarship to any college or university
☐ $2,100 President’s Scholarship to TSTC (two $2,100 scholarships available)
☐ $3,000 scholarship to UTB/TSC
☐ $3,000 scholarship to UTPA
☐ $2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship to TSTC

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

   Street      City    State ZIP

Home Phone Number: __________________________

Alternate Phone Number: __________________________  Cell Phone Number: ______________

Name of School District and High School: _______________________________________

Name College with Which Tech Prep Program Is in Place: ___________________________

Name of College Tech Prep Program: ____________________________

College-Level Tech Prep Course(s) Included in the High School Component of the Program:

Do all College-Level Tech Prep courses appear on your attached high school transcript?  Yes ☐ No ☐
If “No,” explain: ____________________________________________________________

Student’s Extracurricular Activities Including Clubs, Organized Sports, Church Activities, Etc.:

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Student’s Employment History Including Company Name, Position Held, and Employment Dates:

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Agreement: I understand that (1) this application and all attachments will be reviewed by Tech Prep RGV staff and committee members; (2) I may be asked to participate in an awards ceremony honoring scholarship recipients; (3) my application will be kept confidential; and (4) any and all records of the Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., scholarship program, which includes my application and all attachments, could be made available to the Internal Revenue Service.

Signatures:                                                            School Personnel:

/___________/_______         /___________/_______
Student Applicant            High School Principal or Counselor or            CTE Director

/___________/_______
Social Security Number                  Parent or Legal Guardian (if under age 18) Date
Recommendation (Submit TWO Recommendations—One School and One Personal
(NOTE: Personal Recommendation may not be from a family member, but should be from someone
who has personal experience with the applicant, such as a supervisor at a job or a place where
student has been a volunteer, a church leader, a Scout leader, etc.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:
Name of Applicant: ______________________________________
Type of Recommendation (check only one): □ School □ Personal

TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL GIVING RECOMMENDATION: Please do these things:
1. Fill in the information about yourself.
2. Place a checkmark in one box for the level of each quality you believe best represents the applicant.
3. Answer the question below the table.
4. Verify your answers by signing at the bottom of the form.

Name of Recommender (please print): ______________________________
Title (If Applicable): _____________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
City/State/ZIP: _________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail (If Applicable): __________
How You Know the Applicant: ___________________________________

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Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for a Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarship?
(attach additional page if necessary)

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DATE: ___________________ Signature of Recommender: _______________________

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Recommendation (Submit TWO Recommendations—One School and One Personal
(NOTE: Personal Recommendation may not be from a family member, but should be from someone who has personal experience with the applicant, such as a supervisor at a job or a place where student has been a volunteer, a church leader, a Scout leader, etc.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL GIVING RECOMMENDATION: Please do these things:
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(attach additional page if necessary)
__________________________________________________________________________
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DATE: ______________________  Signature of Recommender: ________________________
Tech Prep Career Essay

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTENT OF ESSAYS

The Applicant’s essay should answer these questions:

1. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today?

2. Are you planning to enroll in the college part of the Tech Prep program? Why or why not? [NOTE: On the first page of your application, you identified a College Tech Prep program for which you have completed the first part of the program in high school. This means that in high school, you have taken college-level career and technical education courses (articulated or dual-credit courses) that would transfer into that program at the college.]

3. Did you earn any industry certifications in high school? If “yes,” what certifications did you earn?

4. If you are applying for a scholarship to UTPA, UTB/TSC, or TSTC, explain the reason you want to go to that college or university.

5. If you are applying for the $5,000 scholarship, name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.

6. If you are applying for the $2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship, explain the reason you have chosen that college major.

7. Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?

8. Describe one work-related experience (see instructions) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMAT OF ESSAYS

1. The essay MUST be typewritten or computer-generated.
2. Essays may be a maximum of two doubled-spaced pages in length, using 12-point font.
3. The Applicant should complete this form and use it as a cover page for the essay.
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**NOTE:** A “work-based experience” is one in which the student learns something from a non-school-district person. This could be participation in a Careers in Construction event, an industry speaker coming to the student’s class (as in a career day or a Texas Scholars presentation) or one of these:
- a field trip, a career fair to an employer’s place of business, or job-shadowing (in which the student goes to a business and observes for a short time)
- mentoring (RGV Mentors or another mentoring program in which the student has a longer relationship with a college student/business person/other community leader in which the leader “mentors” the student)
- a part-time job or an internship, an apprenticeship, a co-op, preceptorship, etc.
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