



RGV LEAD ANNOUNCES THE 16TH ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Competition Open to 2014-2015 High School Seniors for 2015-2016 Academic Year

RGV LEAD Scholarships Available:

- 🍏 \$5,000 for any College or University

Important Information

1. 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
 - be enrolled full-time.Each student who receives a scholarship for a particular college or university will be given a contact in the Financial Aid office of that college or university who will explain the rules applicable to the scholarships for their institutions.
2. An electronic copy of this scholarship packet may be downloaded through RGV LEAD's website at <http://rgvlead.com/downloads.shtml>. For information, contact RGV LEAD at 956.364.4509. Read instructions carefully.
3. Please submit every scholarship application using the forms that are included in this packet.
 - 🍏 Scholarship Application Cover Page (form enclosed in this package).
 - 🍏 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)
 - 🍏 College and Career Essay (form enclosed in this package)
 - 🍏 Copy of High School Transcript reflecting a Tech Prep program of study
4. Applications must be mailed or delivered to this address:

Attention: RGV LEAD Marketing and Awards Committee
TSTC Service Support Center, Suite 123
1902 North Loop 499
Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697
5. Scholarship applications must be **RECEIVED or POSTMARKED by Friday, January 30, 2015, at 4 p.m.**
6. The following scholarship packets will **NOT** be accepted: (a) late applications; (b) partial applications; (c) applications that are not typed, and (d) faxed applications.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

1. **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Eligible applicants are high school graduates who graduated as RGV LEAD Scholars after the fall semester 2014 or at the end of the spring semester 2015. **Applications for students who do not meet the selection criteria will not be considered.**

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). Requirements for each scholarship will be explained by a representative of RGV LEAD.

2. **SUBMITTING A SCHOLARSHIP PACKET:**
Applications must be RECEIVED or POSTMARKED by **Friday, January 30, 2015**, no later than **4:00 p.m.** and delivered or mailed to the location specified below:

Attention: RGV LEAD Marketing and Awards Committee
TSTC Support Services Building, Suite 123
1902 North Loop 499
Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697
(See the maps at <http://www.tstc.edu/harlingenmap>.)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to have a counselor or a teacher review their applications prior to submitting them.

3. Packet must be complete and in order, as follows:
 - 🍏 Scholarship Application Cover Page (form enclosed in this package).
 - 🍏 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)
 - 🍏 College and Career Essay (form enclosed in this package)
 - 🍏 Copy of High School Transcript reflecting a RGV LEAD program of study

RECOGNITION CEREMONY:

Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the RGV LEAD Board later in the year. In addition, applicants may also be honored during ceremonies at their high schools.

CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET:

- The applicant must be a fall 2014 or spring 2014 RGV LEAD Scholar (Tech Prep Texas Scholar) high school graduate.
- The applicant must have graduated from, or be preparing to graduate from the high school portion of a College Prep program for which there is a program of study in place with:
 - South Texas College
 - Texas State Technical College Harlingen
 - University of Texas at Brownsville
 - Texas Southmost College
 - other college with which agreements have been developed because the program was not offered locally
- The applicant should have participated in a work-based learning experience; for example:
 - an industry speaker's presentation to the student's class (as in a career day)
 - a career fair (e.g., the Education & Career EXPO)
 - a field trip to an employer's place of business or Careers in Industries presentation
 - job-shadowing
 - mentoring (e.g., RGV Mentors)
 - an internship or apprenticeship
 - a job, co-op class

REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER ESSAYS:

1. The applicant must submit an essay that answers these questions:
 - A. In one paragraph tell us about yourself.
 - B. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today? Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?
 - C. Are you planning to enroll in the **college** program of study that corresponds to the (CTE) program in which you were enrolled at the time you graduated from high school? Why or why not?
 - D. Describe one work-related experience (i.e. Job shadowing, internships, or other employment) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.
 - E. For the \$5,000 scholarship, name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to attend school there.
2. The essay **MUST** be typed.
3. The essay must be no more than **two double-spaced** pages in length using 12-point font.

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2014-2015 SENIORS TO BE USED BEGINNING
2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

RGV LEAD STAFF'S NOTES:

Date Received: _____

Time Received: _____

RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIPS: APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please type all information.
2. Completed applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, January 30, 2015, at 4 p.m.
3. Please indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying by checking the applicable box.

Complete application and check appropriate box scholarship for which you are applying:

\$5,000 RGV LEAD scholarship to any college or university

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Home Phone Number: _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of School District and High School: _____

College Which Program of Study Is in Place:

- South Texas College,
- Texas State Technical College
- Texas Southmost College
- University of Texas—RGV

Field of Study: _____

Applicant's Extracurricular Activities Including Clubs, Organized Sports, Church Activities, Etc.:

Applicant's Employment History Including, Internships and Certifications held. Please include Company Name, Position Held, Employment Dates and Area of Certification:

Agreement: I understand that (1) this application and all attachments will be reviewed by RGV LEAD 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 RGV LEAD scholarship program, which includes my application and all attachments, could be made available to the Internal Revenue Service.

Signatures:

School Personnel:

Student Applicant /Date

High School Principal or Counselor or / Date
CTE Director

Parent or Legal Guardian (if under age 18) Date

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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:

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: _____

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Intellectual Ability					
Leadership Ability					
Academic Preparation					
Interpersonal Skills					
Willingness to Learn					
Maturity					
Initiative					
Responsible					
Dependable					
Attention to Detail					
Honesty and Integrity					
Motivation					

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for a RGV LEAD Scholarship? (attach additional page if necessary) _____

DATE: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____

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College and Career Essay

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTENT OF ESSAYS

The Applicant's essay should answer these questions:

- A. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today? Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?
- B. Are you planning to enroll in the **college** portion 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. Describe one work-related experience (see instructions) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.
- E. For the \$5,000 scholarship, name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMAT OF ESSAYS

- 1. The essay **MUST** be typed.
- 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.

Name of Applicant: _____

First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address: _____

Street

City

State

ZIP

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name and Phone Number of Another Individual Who Knows How to Contact the Applicant:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of School District and High School: _____

ATTACH ESSAY TO THIS PAGE.