



RGV LEAD ANNOUNCES THE 16TH ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE  
DR. LAURO F. CAVAZOS TECH PREP SCHOLARSHIPS  
Competition Open to 2013-2014 High School Seniors for 2014-2015 Academic Year  
**RE-RELEASED ON MARCH 28, 2014**

**INTRODUCTION:** RGV LEAD plans to award a total of six (6) scholarships in the 2014 Cavazos Scholarships competition. The application process for three of these scholarships has been closed. **The application is being re-released to invite additional students to apply for the remaining three scholarships,** as follows:

- \$4,200 (**two President's Scholarships, \$2,100 each**) for Texas State Technical College Harlingen
- \$2,000 **The SpawGlass Scholarship for Texas State Technical College** for a student who will enroll in major related to construction management, in one of these TSTC programs:
  - Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
  - Building Construction Technology
  - Computer Drafting & Design Technology
  - Engineering
  - Physics
  - Mathematics

### 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 TSTC is subject to the rules of TSTC. Generally this requires students to remain in good academic standing and to be enrolled full-time. Each student who receives a scholarship for TSTC will be given the name of a contact in the TSTC Financial Aid office of that college or university. This Financial Aid contact will explain the rules applicable to the scholarships for TSTC.
4. An electronic copy of this scholarship application may be downloaded through RGV LEAD's website at <http://rgvlead.com/downloads.shtml>. For information, contact RGV LEAD at 956.364.4509.
5. Applications must be mailed or delivered to this address:  
RGV LEAD 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 Thursday, April 17, 2014.** (Complete information is contained in the attached application.)
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.



Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarships  
 Competition for 2013-2014 High School Seniors  
 For Studies Beginning in the 2014-2015 Academic Year  
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\* IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please submit every scholarship application using the forms that are included in this packet.

Do not apply for multiple scholarships with one application. Submit a separate application for each scholarship for which you wish to be considered.

Read instructions carefully. Applications for which applicants have not followed all instructions will not be considered.

Deadline for submission of applications: Thursday, April 17, 2014 (applications must be either received in the RGV LEAD offices or postmarked by that date and time).

**Late, incomplete, faxed, or handwritten applications will not be accepted.**



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

**SIX SCHOLARSHIPS:** RGV LEAD will award a total of six scholarships in the 16th Annual Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarship competition. The application process for three of those scholarships is already closed. Applications are invited at this time for three of the scholarships to be awarded, as follows:

- \$4,200 (**two President's Scholarships, \$2,100 each**) for Texas State Technical College Harlingen
- \$2,000 **The SpawGlass Scholarship for Texas State Technical College** for a student who will enroll in major related to construction management—in one of these TSTC programs:
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The \$2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship is awarded directly by the RGV LEAD Board of Directors and is subject to rules adopted by the RGV LEAD Board.

Each student who receives a scholarship will receive written notice from RGV LEAD that the scholarship has been awarded. The written notice will explain the guidelines applicable to that scholarship.

- The SpawGlass Scholarship is for use only at Texas State Technical College Harlingen, in one of the majors specified.
- Each of the scholarships funded by TSTC is for use only at TSTC and is subject to TSTC's rules and regulations for scholarship recipients.

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 the representative of the organization funding that scholarship: the appropriate staff member of RGV LEAD or the Financial Aid officer of TSTC.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Eligible applicants are high school graduates who graduated as Tech Prep Texas Scholars after the fall semester 2013 or who will graduate as Tech Prep Texas Scholars at the end of the spring semester 2014. **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 below, delivered or mailed to the location specified:

**Date:** Thursday, April 17, 2014.  
**Location:** RGV LEAD; Attn.: 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.** (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 could be transferred 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. College and 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 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:**

1. The applicant must be a fall 2013 or spring 2014 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 (or other college with which Tech Prep agreements have been developed because the program was not offered locally).  
**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; 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; job-shadowing; mentoring (e.g., RGV Mentors); a Careers in Construction or Careers in Industries presentation; an internship; a part-time job; a preceptorship, a co-op class; and so forth.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE AND 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? 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. Depending on which scholarship you are applying for, answer the appropriate question:
    - 1) **If** you are applying for one of the scholarships funded by TSTC, explain the reason you want to go to TSTC.
    - 2) **If** you are applying for the \$2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship, explain which construction-related college major at TSTC you have chosen and your reasons for that choice.
2. The essay **MUST** be either typewritten or computer-generated.
3. The essay must be no more than **two double-spaced** pages in length using 12-point font.

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2013-2014 SENIORS TO BE USED BEGINNING  
2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR  
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**RGV LEAD STAFF'S NOTES:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Thursday, April 17, 2014.
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:**

- \$2,100 President's Scholarship to TSTC (two \$2,100 scholarships available)**  
 **\$2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship to TSTC (Major: \_\_\_\_\_)**

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.:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Employment History Including Company Name, Position Held, and Employment Dates:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarship?  
 (attach additional page if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE TO APPLICANTS: All scholarship applications will be evaluated using the criteria below. This information is included for your information only.**

Applicant No. \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer Instructions: Assign points within the range allowed. For each question, consider the applicant's information submitted on the proposal form. 100 total points are possible.

Mandatory Criterion: Is the student a Tech Prep Texas Scholar High School Graduate?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the Scholarship Application Cover Sheet clear as to College Tech Prep program and college?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROCEED WITH BALANCE OF APPLICATION? (The answers to BOTH questions above must be "Yes." If the answer to any of these questions is "No," then this application is not eligible to be considered for the Scholarship.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Academic Performance (15 points)	Range of Points	Points Awarded
Does the student's transcript indicate that he or she has performed well in his or her classes?	0-15	
<b>SECTION TOTAL</b>		

Work-Based Experience (15 points)	Range of Points	Points Awarded
Is the student participating in a work-based experience now, or has the student participated in a work-based experience in the past?  <b>NOTE:</b> 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 or Careers in Industries event, an industry speaker coming to the student's class (as in a career day or a Texas Scholars presentation) or one of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• a part-time job or an internship, an apprenticeship, a co-op, preceptorship, etc.</li> </ul>	0-15	
<b>SECTION TOTAL</b>		

College and Career Essay (40 points):	Range of Points	Points Awarded
1. Is the essay well written (in terms of saying clearly what it means to say and being grammatically correct)? And is it no more than two pages in length?	0-10	
2. Did the student earn any industry certifications in high school? If the answer is "yes," then did the student clearly explain the certifications earned?	0-10	
<p>3. Does the essay clearly answer all these questions?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>B. Are you planning to enroll in the <b>college</b> portion of the Tech Prep program in which you were enrolled at the time you graduated from high school? Why or why not?</p> <p>C. Have you earned any industry certifications? If "yes," what certifications did you earn?"</p> <p>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.</p> <p>E. Depending on which scholarship you are applying for, answer the appropriate question:</p> <p>1) <b>If</b> you are applying for a scholarship funded by TSTC, explain the reason you want to go to TSTC.</p> <p>2) <b>If</b> you are applying for the \$2,000 The SpawGlass Scholarship, explain which construction-related college major at TSTC that you have chosen and your reasons for that choice.</p>		
SECTION TOTAL		

<b>References</b> (30 points)	Range of Points	Points Awarded
Quality of school reference	0-15	
Quality of personal reference	0-15	
SECTION TOTAL		

SUMMARY	Maximum Possible Points	Points Awarded
SECTION--Please enter score from each section at right.		
Academic Performance	15	
Work-Based Experience	15	
College and Career Essay	40	
References	30	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

REVIEWER'S COMMENTS (if any):
