

Texas DPS Trooper Foundation Scholarship Application Guidelines/Instructions

The Texas DPS Trooper Foundation administers a Scholarship Program which provides Initial and Continuing Education Scholarships to qualified individuals who meet the requirements herein set forth, and submit an application in accord with the guidelines. Application for an Initial Scholarship must be made within four years following the candidate's graduation from high school. Application for Continuing Education Scholarships must be made subsequent to, and within four years following, receipt of an Initial Scholarship. All scholarship applicants are eligible for an Initial Scholarship and three Continuing Education Scholarships. Scholarships are available to both members of the DPS Officers Association and non-members as well.

Scholarships are awarded by the Scholarship Committee, appointed by the Chairman of the Texas DPS Trooper Foundation. At least one meeting of the Scholarship Committee is held yearly to review scholarship applications for the next academic year. Additional meetings are called as necessary by the President or by the appointed Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The funds budgeted for the Scholarship Program and the amount of individual scholarships shall be set annually by the Board of Trustees.

During the deliberation process the scholarship applications are carefully reviewed for, but not necessarily limited to, compliance with submission guidelines, eligibility, content, benefit, and merit. After all factors are considered the scholarships are granted at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee by a majority vote. At the completion of this process all of the applicants under consideration will be apprised of the results. Those who fail to receive a scholarship will be advised by letter setting forth the reasons for this decision. All applications will be retained for seven years.

To be eligible for a scholarship, all applicants must:

- Meet the academic qualifications for the scholarship being sought:
 - Initial Scholarship: 2.00 G.P.A. minimum on a 4.00 scale or equivalent
 - Continuing Education Scholarship: 2.75 G.P.A. minimum on a 4.00 scale or equivalent and have successfully completed a minimum of 24 semester college hours during the last 12 contiguous months of college attendance
- Submit the correct application for the scholarship being sought
- Complete the required application form in its entirety
- Complete the application with a typewriter, computer or similar device (must not be hand written)
- Sign or electronically sign and date the application
- Submit all required documentation and attachments
- Submit a brief (one page or less) narrative including information about your goals and why you would like the scholarship
- Submit (or postmark) the application to the TDPSTF office on or before the deadline date (June 15)
- If final spring semester transcript is not available by the deadline date, include a note explaining why and when it might arrive
- All information submitted must be true, complete and correct

All applications submitted from non-members will be considered for approval as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service Code. Scholarships shall be awarded without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability.