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## Memorandum

To: The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor  
The Honorable Dan Patrick, Lt. Governor  
The Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker, House of Representatives  
Members, Texas Senate  
Members, Texas House of Representatives

From: DeChá Reid  
Director III, Student Financial Aid Programs

Date: April 22, 2024

Subject: 2024-2025 Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program Nomination

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is pleased to announce the 2024-2025 academic year (fall 2024/spring 2025) nomination period is open for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP). TASSP was created to encourage students to complete a baccalaureate degree and become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine, or to become 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 two alternates, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student and one alternate to receive an initial scholarship. Students must meet specific requirements to be eligible for a nomination. Details about the scholarship and the nomination process can be found on the attached flyer.

2024-2025 TASSP nominations will be accepted **through August 30, 2024**. To submit a formal nomination, you or your designated staff member will go to the Coordinating Board portal: <https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/tassp/>.

Please contact External Relations by email at [er@highered.texas.gov](mailto:er@highered.texas.gov) or by phone at (512) 427-6111 should you have any questions or require additional assistance. Thank you for your commitment to the students of Texas and your continued support to strengthen higher education.

Attachment

# Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

## **WE WANT YOU!** TO NOMINATE A STUDENT TODAY.

**You have the power to provide a Texas student with the life-changing opportunity to attend college and serve our country.**

As a member of the Texas Legislature, you can nominate one student annually to receive the Texas Armed Services Scholarship. You can nominate any student - they don't have to be a member of your district. The student can be a senior in high school or currently enrolled in higher education.

### **About the scholarship**

This scholarship is designed for students planning to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at civilian colleges.

Students who receive this scholarship also commit to serving four years in the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, or U.S. Merchant Marine, or as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

### **Financial benefit to students**

Eligible students can receive up to \$15,000 a year to help them attend the college of their choice.



Scan code to nominate a student or visit  
<https://www1.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/tassp/>.

## Eligibility requirements

A student must meet specific eligibility requirements to be nominated.

High school seniors must meet two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

- On track to graduate or have graduated high school and completed the curriculum requirements of the Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB)
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23)
- Ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class

Students already enrolled in higher education must also do the following:

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Continue to be a member of a ROTC program or another undergraduate officer commissioning program
- Have not earned a baccalaureate degree or a cumulative total of 150 credit hours, including transfer credit hours

To receive an initial award, students must meet additional requirements.

For information about the TASSP requirements, visit [www.hhloans.com](http://www.hhloans.com).

## How to nominate a student

Formal appointments must be made by the governor, lieutenant governor, a legislator, or their designee through an online process approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Nominate a student at <https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/tassp/> or by scanning the QR code below.



## The march goes on!

If the student you nominate is not eligible or withdraws from their ROTC program, you can also nominate an alternate or replacement.

If you have questions about this program, you can reach out to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board team at [er@highered.texas.gov](mailto:er@highered.texas.gov) or phone (512) 427-6111.

Thank you for giving Texans the opportunity to pursue higher education and serve their country!