

## **Edmund P. Kuempel Scholarship Program**

### **Program Overview**

The Texas State University System Foundation (Foundation) established the **Edmund P. Kuempel Scholarship Program** to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service. The scholarship honors Edmund R. Kuempel (1942-2010), a member of the Texas House of Representatives for nearly 30 years.

The Kuempel Scholarship provides a one-time, \$5,000 grant to recipients to pay for tuition, required fees, living expenses, and/or educational materials. The scholarship will be credited to the student's financial account at the TSUS component institution. The number of scholarships will be determined annually by the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors. Students in any associate or baccalaureate degree program at any TSUS component institution are eligible to apply for this scholarship, subject to the criteria outlined below.

### **Criteria for Candidates**

- The candidate must be a student enrolled at a TSUS component institution, in a course of study which results in an associate or baccalaureate degree.
- The candidate must be in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average of 3.5.
- The candidate must have completed 12 hours of coursework at an accredited higher education institution. If coursework was completed at a non-TSUS institution, it must be transferable to the TSUS component institution.
- The candidate must not have previously received the scholarship.
- The candidate must be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of the state of Texas.
- The candidate must submit a short essay, no longer than 800 words, addressing the following:
  - The candidate's academic and personal achievements, and goals for the future.
  - The candidate's interest in public or community service.
  - How the scholarship will contribute to the candidate's education.

### **Deadlines**

**Component Institution:** Institutions may submit up to 10 applications, screened for financial need, per academic year. Applications shall include the student's classification, major, completed hours and essay, and shall be emailed to the Foundation's Executive Director no later than **January 1st** each year.

Advisory Selection Committee: The Committee shall evaluate the applications and recommend the most qualified candidates to the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors prior to the **February** board meeting. The committee shall consist of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and TSUS Foundation Executive Director.

TSUS Foundation Board: The Board shall consider the committee's recommendations during its regular February meeting. The Foundation Executive Director will inform each recipient's financial aid office by **March 1st**.

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