

Fernando Gomez Scholarship Program

Program Overview

The Texas State University System Foundation (Foundation) established the **Fernando Gomez Scholarship Program** to provide financial assistance to first-generation undergraduate students who intend to pursue a law degree after graduation. The scholarship honors TSUS Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Emeritus Dr. Fernando Gomez (1947-2021). Through this program, qualified students in any baccalaureate degree program at any TSUS component institution may receive financial assistance to help complete their undergraduate degrees.

Successful candidate(s) will receive a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to pay for tuition, fees, living expenses, and/or educational materials, which 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.

Criteria for Candidates

- The candidate must be a first-generation undergraduate student currently enrolled at a TSUS component institution.
- The candidate must have completed 60 student credits hours of coursework and maintain good academic standing at the institution, with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.
- The candidate must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
- The candidate must not have previously received the scholarship.
- The candidate must submit a short essay, no longer than 800 words, addressing the following:
 - The candidate's interest in pursuing a law degree.
 - The candidate's academic and personal achievements, and goals for the future.

Deadlines

Component Institution: Scholarship guidelines shall be posted on each four-year institution's financial aid website at the beginning of each academic year. Applications, screened for financial need, shall be emailed to the Foundation Executive Director no later than **January 1** each year. Applications shall include the student's academic transcript and essay.

Advisory Selection Committee: The Committee shall evaluate the applications and recommend the most qualified candidate(s) to the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors prior to the **February** board meeting. The Committee shall consist of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Vice Chancellor/General Counsel, 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 1**.

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