

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Greater Texas Foundation Scholars Program. Acceptance into this prestigious three-year program provides scholars with opportunities for personal development, individualized academic and mentoring support geared towards achieving a timely graduation, increased social awareness and an enriched university experience. Scholars are awarded financial assistance from the Greater Texas Foundation based on individual need after all other forms of financial aid have been accessed (i.e. grants, scholarships, etc.).

Applicants to the GTF Scholars Program must meet specific criteria, which includes:

- Being a 2018 graduate of a Texas Early College High School
- Be eligible to apply for federal financial assistance through FAFSA
- Earned a minimum of 30 semester credit hours towards a college degree
- Earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on a four-point system) for college hours earned
- Be admitted to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Scholarship awards vary from semester to semester based on the student's financial aid package.

Acceptance into the GTF Scholars Program is a competitive process. The amount of students that are accepted is limited, so not all students who apply will be selected. Once accepted into the program, students must complete all program requirements to continue participating in this program.

A campus committee makes final recipient recommendations and students will be notified via email. We encourage you to carefully examine all documents before submitting them to ensure your application packet clearly articulates your talents, accomplishments, strengths, and educational goals.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Greater Texas Foundation Scholars Program. We look forward to reviewing your application! Please contact our office should you have any questions about the application process.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Aldape
Director of Special Programs – Dual Credit



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Please read application thoroughly and answer all applicable fields. For consideration, all applications must be submitted in person or by mail to one of the two addresses listed below by no later than March 9, 2018.

Greater Texas Foundation Scholars Program
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
BSETB 1.214
One West University Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520

Office: 956-882-8960
Email: Michael.Aldape@utrgv.edu

Greater Texas Foundation Scholars Program
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
EPOB 1.102C
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, TX 78539

GTF SCHOLARS APPLICATION

Personal Information – Part 1

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Permanent Address:

Number

Street

Apartment # (if applicable)

City

Zip Code

County

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Have you been accepted to UTRGV for Fall 2018? Yes No

Have you submitted the FAFSA? Yes No

If yes, what is your EFC Score: _____

Are you a first-generation college student? Yes No

Mother's Education Level: _____ Father's Education Level: _____



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Academic Information – Part 2

Name of ECHS: _____

City

Zip Code

High School GPA: _____ on _____ GPA Scale Rank in High School: _____ out of _____

Intended Major at UTRGV: _____ HS Graduation Date: _____

SAT Score (Total): _____ ACT Score (Composite): _____

NOTE: Submit an official copy of your 7th Semester high school transcript and an official college transcript.

NOTE: If the transcript is not signed by a school official, your application will not be reviewed. Applicant is still responsible for submitting final high school transcript to the UTRGV Office of Undergraduate Admissions for completing the admission process. The transcript included in this packet is for GTF Scholars Program application purposes only.

Personal Statement – Part 3

A personal statement should provide the scholarship committee with a brief portrait of who you are as a person, a student, and why you believe participating in this scholars program would help you accomplish your short and long-term goals.

Include a short synopsis of your personal background, why you chose to study at an Early College High School, examples of academic achievement, academic and professional goals, community involvement, and identify one challenge or obstacle you overcame during high school and how you addressed the issue.

Format: The essay should be no less than one but no more than two pages in length, 12-point font, Times New Roman font, and double-spaced with one-inch margins. Personal statements will be reviewed for content and writing skill.

Recommendation Forms – Part 4

Submit two recommendation forms with your application. Recommendation forms need to be in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal. A teacher, counselor, or school official that can vouch for your potential as a successful college student should provide recommendation forms. No more than two forms will be accepted. The recommendation form is found on the last page of the application.

NOTE: Applications with less than two recommendation forms will not be considered.



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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Part 5

Submit a copy of the **confirmation page only** with the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) Score.

NOTE: If you have not submitted a FAFSA, your application will not be considered. Applicants will be responsible for ensuring that their financial aid packet is complete with the UTRGV Office of Financial Aid.

Admissions to UTRGV – Part 6

You must have applied and been accepted to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the Fall 2018 semester. Please provide a copy of your UTRGV acceptance letter in the application packet.

NOTE: Students who have not completed the admissions process and who have not been accepted to UTRGV for Fall 2018 will not be considered for the program.

Nepotism Statement – Part 7

State law requires that each student identify any relation to a current Board of Regents member. A student who is related to a current member of the University of Texas Board of Regents is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless the scholarship is awarded exclusively based on academic merit or is an athletic scholarship. It is a Class B misdemeanor to file a false statement.

Please review a list of current members of The University of Texas System Board of Regents at <http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/current-regents> and then select the most appropriate answer below indicating your relation to any of the UT System Board of Regents members.

- No, I am not related to a UT System Board of Regent member
- Yes, I am related to a UT System Board of Regent member

If related to a member of The University of Texas System Board of Regents, please indicate the relationship from the following list:

- UT System Board of Regents' mother, father, daughter or son
- UT System Board of Regents' brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild
- UT System Board of Regents' great-grandchild, uncle (brother of parent), aunt (sister of parent), nephew (son of brother or sister), or niece (daughter of brother or sister)
- UT System Board of Regents' spouse; spouse's child; spouse's mother or father; child's spouse; or parent's spouse
- UT System Board of Regents' spouse's brother or sister; spouse's grandparent; spouse's grandchild; brother or sister's spouse; grandparent's spouse; or grandchild's spouse

I hereby certify that I have answered this statement to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Acknowledgement – Part 8

I understand:

- This is a competitive program and as such not all students who apply will be selected
- Failure to follow the application’s directions will result in my application not being reviewed
- It is my responsibility to ensure all documents are received by the March 9, 2018 deadline (**not postmarked**)
- All attached documents must have my first & last name along with my UTRGV ID Number. If you do not know your UTRGV ID, please contact (956)882-7732 or (956)665-3128 and staff will be happy to provide that information.
- All communication in regards to the scholarship will be done via email and if my contact information changes, I will need to inform the GTF Scholars Office

Signature Date

Checklist

Completed and Signed Application		Nepotism Statement Signed on page 4	
Official 7 th Semester High School Transcript		Official College Transcript(s)	
FAFSA Confirmation Page with EFC Score		Recommendation Forms	
Personal Statement		Proof of Acceptance to UTRGV	

Important Dates

Application Deadline: March 9, 2018

Program Selections Will Be Made: March 23, 2018 (or sooner)

Selections Announced Via Email: March 26, 2018 (or sooner)

Deadline to Accept Program Invitation: April 6, 2018

GTF Scholar Orientation: Summer 2018 - Date to be announced



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Recommendation Form

STUDENT DATA (TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT) PLEASE USE BLACK INK

Applicant: Complete the top section and pass the form on to the individual recommending you.

Applicant Name:

Last

First

Middle

RECOMMENDATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER)

- I have known the applicant for _____ years in my capacity as _____.
- Please rate the applicant on each characteristic by circling the appropriate number:

	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT	WEAK	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCEPTIONAL
A. Motivation for undergraduate studies	0	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10
B. Ethical standards & integrity	0	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10
C. Oral/written English expression skills	0	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10
D. Ability to analyze ideas	0	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10
E. Potential for success as a university student	0	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10

- Please provide your candid assessment of why you believe the applicant will be academically successful as a university student. Cite specific examples to support your recommendation. You may attach an additional page if necessary.

Thank you for your recommendation. Please place in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal and return to the student.

Recommender's Name: _____

Recommender's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____