



# LEAPS Mathematics Scholarship Program

The Title III: Leadership, Excellence and Academic Preparedness in STEM (LEAPS) program at Laredo College (LC), funded by the U.S. Department of Education, provides support to LC students with Associate Degrees to transfer to Texas A&M International University (TAMU) to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with 7-12 Certification, paving the way for them to become high school mathematics teachers and serve the community.

- Remember to attach:**
1. Personal statement
  2. Résumé
  3. Transcript(s) (unofficial copies are accepted)
  4. Two letters of recommendation

## TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

**DIRECTIONS:** All parts of this application must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please type or print clearly. Check only one box per question.

**Application deadline: January 10, 2020 for Spring semester and June 12, 2020 for Fall semester.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

TAMU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mo Day Year Gender:  M  F  Other

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Race:  White  African American  Native American  Asian  Other

Disability status:  Hearing impairment  Visual impairment  Mobility impairment  Other \_\_\_\_\_  None

Are you a:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident Alien? Current classification:  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Have you ever graduated from a college/university before?  Yes  No

If so, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of semester credit hours completed as of current semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Current overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Math GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list any rewards or honors you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eligibility checklist:**

- LC students who have finished or currently be finishing their Associate degree will be given consideration.
- Must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens.
- Preferably enrolled to be full-time students (at least an equivalent of 12 semester credit hours); part-time students are eligible, but will receive a prorated scholarship not to exceed 5 years of support.
- Selection process will ensure the most qualified applicants are selected based on academic merit, with consideration given to financial need and increasing participation of minorities, persons with disabilities, and underrepresented genders relative to specific teaching areas.
- Submit official transcript in which the minimum overall GPA is 2.75, with a 3.00 GPA preferred in mathematics courses; students with a mathematics GPA range of 2.75 to 3.00 will be considered on a case-by-case basis; students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 throughout the program.

**Requirements checklist\*\*:**

- Participate in an interview, if selected as a finalist, and satisfy the foreign language requirement, as stated by the College of Education.
- Participation in a mandatory orientation session at the beginning of semester and monthly meetings with assigned faculty mentor.
- Submit two letters of recommendation (one from a mathematics faculty member detailing academic accomplishments, which include an assessment of qualifications for this program, such as skills related to teaching, public speaking ability, character/ethics, ability to work with youth).
- Submit a résumé and a one-page essay describing applicant's previous career goals, the reason he or she is now applying to the scholarship and wants to enter the teaching profession, and what personal/professional qualifications or experiences qualify him or her for teaching in high-need schools.
- Apply for admission into the TAMU BA Mathematics 7-12 Teacher Certification Program and submit the required fingerprint and criminal background check (separate forms provided); and, if necessary, switch his or her major to BA Mathematics 7-12 Certification Program upon being selected as a scholarship recipient.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Complete an additional 6 SCH of course(s) in content and pedagogy when offered as a part of the curriculum.
- Participate and attend all mentoring and mandatory forums and presentations.
- Submit LC transcript and TAMU Degreeworks course plan.

**\*\*NOTE:** Failure to fulfill all the requirements of this scholarship program will forfeit the right to renew the scholarship.

**I hereby verify that all the information that I have provided is accurate. My signature below gives permission for the, LEAPS Mathematics Scholarship Committee to review any academic records and any information pertaining to my eligibility for this scholarship program.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application to:**

LEAPS Mathematics Scholarship Committee  
Department of Mathematics and Physics  
LBV 312  
Texas A&M International University  
5201 University Boulevard  
Laredo, Texas 78041-1900



*\*LEAPS Mathematics Scholarship Committee is comprised of LC and TAMU personnel.*