

# Scholarship Handbook for Departments and Divisions

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# Introduction

This handbook has been prepared to assist TAMIU departments and divisions with the scholarship process and in answering frequently asked questions. Departments/divisions are expected to follow these procedures to ensure consistency.

The Office of Financial Aid (FA) is the contact office for the processing of scholarships. The Office of the VP for Institutional Advancement (VPIA) is the contact office for questions regarding criteria and gift agreements. The Office of Career Services is the contact office for processing thank you letters (if applicable). Questions should be directed to the following offices and/or individuals:

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# **General Information**

# NOTE: Any scholarship funded by an endowment or a private gift must follow the criteria which is stipulated in the gift agreement for that endowment.

#### I. Application Guidelines

- Each department/division must have an application process and application form for each scholarship offered within their department/division. The same application can be used for awarding more than one scholarship fund.
- The application must be available to a broad group of students, along with any requirements needed for consideration for the scholarship (such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, resume, essay, GPA requirements, etc.)
- The application must stipulate if this is an annual award or renewable and if renewable, what the requirements are (such as GPA, hour completion requirements, etc. to renew the award).
- Application deadlines must be posted clearly, for all scholarships awarded through the department/division. FA suggests the following dates are used:

Term	Opens	Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Fall Semester	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Semester	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### II. Guidelines for Scholarship Recipient Selection

- Departments/divisions must use a committee comprised of at least three members to determine recipients of scholarships awarded.
- Departments/divisions must use a quantitative scale to rank applicants and determine recipients. If the funds are from an endowment, the criteria for that endowment must be met. *(Samples are available within the Scholarship Handbook.)*
- Scholarship committee members must sign a *Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement* prior to receiving or reviewing scholarship applications. The committee chair must collect the statements from each committee member and forward the forms to FA attached to the SDR per semester or on an annual basis.
- The Office of Financial Aid uploads the forms in Laserfiche with the SDRs. *NOTE: This information is kept on file for a minimum of two years.*
- Scholarship committee members must complete an evaluation form using the quantitative scale and submit to the committee chair to keep in file. NOTE: This information must be kept on file for a minimum of two years by the awarding department/division or committee chair.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deadlines are subject to change.

#### **III.** Guidelines for Notification of Scholarship Recipients

• It is the responsibility of the department/division to notify the recipient of the scholarship award.

The notification should be in writing, with a copy of the letter or email kept with the application(s) or saved and ready to be reviewed by FA or auditor. *NOTE: This information must be kept on file for a minimum of two years (see "Samples and Forms" section below).* 

- The letter should specify the semester or year when the scholarship will be paid, the amount of the scholarship, whether the scholarship is a one-time award or renewable, and the requirements for renewal if applicable.
- It is strongly encouraged that the student write a thank you letter to the donor. If your scholarship requires the thank you letter before the award is paid to the student's account, please let FA know in advance so we can setup the account appropriately. The Office of Career Services will assist recipients with the thank you letter and will notify FA when the student has met the thank you letter requirement.

#### IV. Guidelines for Submitting the Scholarship Disbursement Requisition (SDR) to FA

- Once the recipient is determined, it is the responsibility of the department/division to notify FA through email by submitting an SDR.
- The department/division will complete the SDR and submit to the respective dean or VP for approval and signature, then submit the SDR to <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u> with electronic signatures. Forms submitted through inter-office mail require confirmation from the department/division. We recommend printed forms be hand-delivered.
- The SDR is available on the FA website at <u>https://www.tamiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml</u>.
- It is the responsibility of the department/division to verify that all signatures are obtained before submission to FA.
- Deadline to submit the SDR to FA is two weeks before the first class day of appropriate semester.
- It is the responsibility of the department/division to ensure that all SDRs are submitted before the deadline to ensure students are not assessed a late fee. Departments/Divisions that do not meet this deadline will be required to pay the late fee per student when accessed.
- The VPIA office will assist with the setup of scholarship accounts resulting from endowments. The following steps are required by each department/division for setting up new accounts:
  - a. Submit a Request for new FAMIS Account Form to the Office of the VPIA. Please note any restrictions including scholarship criteria, thank you letter requirement, etc.
  - b. Department/Division will request a new A/R detail code from the Comptroller's Office for setup in BANNER.
  - c. The new A/R detail code will be forwarded to <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u> and a new scholarship fund code will be created in BANNER. It will include all scholarship requirements (e.g., hours of enrollment) if the students must accept their award, or if it can be set up to automatically in BANNER, thank you letter, and any other requirements.

#### V. Forms Needed for Scholarship Processing

Each committee chair should have the following:

- a. Written procedures for scholarship requirements and awarding process
- b. Scholarship application
- c. Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement
- d. Committee guidelines for reviewing and scoring applications
- e. Scoring sheet
- f. Congratulatory notice for scholarship recipient
- g. Denial notice for scholarship applicant
- h. Scholarship Disbursement Requisition (SDR)
- i. Appeal form (if scholarship allows for an appeal)
- j. Letter of notification for appeal decision

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. How is my department notified of available funds?

Each quarter the Office of the VPIA prepares and shares a report of available funds for each endowed scholarship for each college.

#### 2. What if my college does not award all funds for the given semester?

If applicants did not qualify for an award based on the criteria in the gift agreement, then the funds will carry over until an applicant does. In all other cases, funds must be awarded. Funds that are not awarded will revert to the Office of the VPIA for awarding.

# 3. Who is responsible to verify that the student meets eligibility requirements for the scholarship?

It is the responsibility of each awarding department/division to verify eligibility of the recipient. If the scholarship is renewable, the department/division must verify that the scholarship recipient meets the renewal eligibility requirements EACH semester or year, as applicable.

#### 4. When will the scholarship post to the student's account?

Notifications are sent through email when the scholarship has been posted to the student's account. The scholarship will be authorized/released by FA to the Bursar's Office approximately one week after census day for the semester, as long as the SDR is received by the deadline. If submitted after the deadline, all forms will be processed as received. Funds are disbursed/paid out once a week by the Bursar's Office and refunds are sent to students on Fridays.

#### 5. Will the scholarship affect a student's financial aid award?

Under some circumstances, scholarships will affect a student's financial aid package. When students receive need-based grants, such as the Federal Pell grant, they are limited in how much aid they can receive. The total is based on their cost of attendance. We will always reduce any loans a student has accepted before reducing need-based aid. If there is a concern, please contact FA at <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>.

#### 6. Where can I find the Scholarship Disbursement Requisition (SDR)?

Forms are found in the FA website under Scholarships, TAMIU Faculty & Staff Forms. The form is fillable so you can complete and submit electronically or you can fill out and print to gather signatures, <u>https://www.tamiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml</u>

# 7. Where should I send a scholarship check from an outside donor when received by our department?

The check must be delivered to the Office of the VPIA located in Killam Library, Suite 261. VPIA staff will deposit the check and an SDR will be routed to FA for processing.

### 8. If my department needs a new account for a grant or scholarship, how can I apply for one? The Office of the VPIA is responsible for overseeing the set-up of all NEW scholarship accounts and private grants. Please contact the Gifts Coordinator for assistance.

# **Reminders and Helpful Information**

- 1. Under no circumstances should a dean, department head, faculty member, administrator, or other employee of TAMIU present a check directly to a recipient. All scholarship awards must be coordinated through FA.
- 2. Notify students in writing about their award. *Under no circumstances* should anyone make a verbal commitment to a student regarding an award. Guidelines must be followed accordingly to ensure compliance.
- 3. All scholarships, including monies from outside sources, will be credited to the student's account to offset the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and any other outstanding balances to TAMIU. If a credit balance exists after all monies owed to TAMIU have been paid, the Bursar's Office will then process a refund to the student.
- 4. Scholarship applications can be found at the following websites:
  - Undergraduate and General Scholarships: <u>https://www.tamiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml</u>
  - Graduate Scholarships, Fellowships, and Assistantships: <u>https://www.tamiu.edu/gradschool/fellowships.shtml</u>

# **Samples and Forms**

Scholarship Committees may use any of the following samples to create their own application, selection criteria, notification letter or email, and acknowledgement form. **NOTE: These are samples only.** 

#### I. Scholarship Selection Criteria

#### **Entrance Exams:**

SAT	ACT	Points
1200 - 1600	28 - 36	200
1120 - 1190	25 - 27	160
1000 - 1110	22 - 24	120
950 - 990	20 - 21	80
850 - 940	18 - 19	40
800 - 840	16 - 17	20
0 -790	0 - 15	0

**Class Rank:** 

Rank	Points
Тор 5%	200
Тор 10%	160
Тор 15%	140
Тор 20%	120
Тор 25%	100
Тор 30%	60
Тор 50%	40
Lower 50%	20

#### II. Scholarship Essay Evaluation

Student Name: <a></a></a></a> Banner ID: <a></a></a></a>

Reader #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Score	Maximum
Original Idea on Topic		25 pts
Readability/Clarity		15 pts
Choice of Words		10 pts
Proofread/Revised		10 pts
Overall Impression		15 pts
Grant Total		75 pts

#### III. Scholarship Resume Evaluation

Criteria	Score	Maximum
Awards/Honors		10 pts
*2 pts for each award		
Extracurricular Activities		10 pts
*1 pt for each activity		
*1 pt for each officer position held		
Volunteer/Work Experience		10 pts
*2 pts for each item		
Grammar/Organization		10 pts
*neatness		
*Typos		
*Format		
Overall Impression		10 pts
Grant Total		50 pts

#### **IV.** Letter of Recommendation Evaluation

Student Name: <a></a></a></a> Banner ID: <a>TAMIU ID>></a>

Evaluated by:

Criteria	Score	Maximum
Recommenders Enthusiasm for student		20 pts
Recommenders Knowledge of student potential to succeed		20 pts
Letters Uniqueness and Overall Impression		10 pts
Grant Total		50 ts

#### V. Committee Member Ranking Sheet

Description	Score	Points
Entrance Exam		0 - 200
Class Rank		20 - 200
Letter of Recommendation		50
Resume		50
Essay: 75 pts x 2 = 150pts		150
<b>Bonus: International Student</b>		5
GRANT TOTAL POINTS		655

The committee can create an Excel Document/webfocus report to collect more information regarding each student applying for the scholarship.

Example:

- Banner ID
- Student Last Name
- Student First Name
- Enrolled Hours
- Classification
- Institution GPA
- Overall GPA
- High School Graduation Date
- Unmet need
- Student mailing address
- Student email
- Student phone number

### **Scholarship Application and Selection Procedures for**

### **TAMIU Undergraduate Academic General Scholarships**

All students who submit an application for the TAMIU Undergraduate Academic General Scholarships are reviewed for a possible scholarship award. Applications are available for the year (Fall and Spring)<sup>1</sup> as well as Spring term only.

#### Criteria for the TAMIU Undergraduate Academic General Scholarships

- Degree-seeking students must follow the curriculum prescribed for one of TAMIU's degree programs.
- Grade Point Average (GPA):
  - o current students must have a TAMIU GPA of at least 3.0 or higher; and
  - o transfer students must have a transfer GPA of at least 3.0 or higher.<sup>2</sup>
- Enrollment: students must enroll for a minimum of 12 hours per long semester.

\*Students must apply on an annual basis as most of these scholarships are not renewable.

#### **Application Location**

Applications are located online at: <u>http://www.tamiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml</u>

- Current Students Scholarship Application Deadline May 30<sup>th</sup> (Opens February 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Transfer Scholarship Application Deadline July 31<sup>st</sup> (Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Spring Scholarship Application for all undergraduates Deadline January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Opens October 1<sup>st</sup>)

Applications are available for a minimum of two months for students to apply.

#### **Application Process**

The Scholarship Coordinator from the Office of Financial Aid will run weekly reports to verify that information submitted with application is correct and/or complete. Students who are missing information are sent an email to dusty account to resubmit any pending items and are given a five days deadline. Once the application deadline closes online, an excel report is generated through Microsoft Forms that will list all applicant's data. These files are saved under a folder that follow the naming convention as follows: G:Drive, Scholarships, FY,

- FYXXXX Current Scholarship App Info
- FYXXXX Transfer Scholarship App Info
- FYXXXX Spring Scholarship App Info

This data is reviewed once again to ensure application is complete and all documentation requested has been submitted. If the student was unsuccessful in submitting the resume he/she is contacted to try again or submit it via email to <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>, and is given a five day resubmission deadline.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students who apply by the fall deadline and are awarded, receive funds for the entire academic year (fall and spring semesters); there is no need to re-apply for the spring semester (these applications will not be reviewed). <sup>2</sup> GPA requirement is subject to change as per donor agreement.

A tracking code will be posted in BANNER Screen: Application User-Defined Data reflect submission of application with a value status of "Y" in ROAUSDF. The following codes are used for the respective groups:

Number	Description	Value
21	SCHLCR (Current Application)	Ex. Y
22	SCHLTR (Transfer Application)	Ex. Y
23	SCHLSP (Spring Application)	Ex. Y
24	SCHLBV (Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust)	Ex. Y
26	DPF (Dusty Promise Program)	Ex. Y

The "Scholarship Application" web-focus report is extracted to produce a listing of applicants in an excel spreadsheet. This report is used for comparison of data between the Student Information System (BANNER) and information submitted through applications. The filter values to run report:

Financial Aid Year	Enter Defined Variable	Registered Term
Ex. 2122	Ex. SCHCR (Current Application)	Ex. 202210

Once we have established the correct student information we begin reviewing and removing applicants that are ineligible due to:

- 1. Incomplete Application
- 2. GPA requirements All donor requirements are reviewed for any who may have a lower GPA requirement than 3.0 to ensure that if any student meets their requirement they are left in for awarding. The lowest GPA we award is a 2.75.
- **3**. Applicants with other University scholarships of at least \$3,000 or more. These students are set aside for future consideration in a separate tab if funding is available.

#### **Review Process**

After the applicants have been placed in the corresponding excel document tabs listed below:

- Qualified Applicants (webfocus)
- Disqualified TAMIU GPA
- Disqualified Enrollment
- Applicants (Microsoft Forms)
- Disqualified Resume
- Duplicate Applications

The webfocus/banner report is run a day after the application closes. When possible, the report will be run weekly to start reviewing resumes and contacting students via-email if necessary, to update their resume.

A column is added to ass	sign GPA points based	on the point scale below:
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GP A	Points
4.0	10
3.9 - 3.99	9
3.8 - 3.89	8
3.7 – 3.79	7
3.6 - 3.69	6
3.5 - 3.59	5
3.4 - 3.49	4
3.3 - 3.39	3
3.2 - 3.29	2
3.0 - 3.19	1
<u>&lt; 2.9</u>	0

We then add two additional columns that will be used to identify the scholarship name and scholarship amount that will be offered.

#### **Selection Process**

The corresponding scholarship application spreadsheet is then sorted by the highest ranking points. We will use this to determine the value of the scholarship that we want to offer by total points received. On average the awards range from \$3,500 to \$1,000 minimum for the year.<sup>3</sup>

This is the table used to select amount based on points.

Points	Award Value (this can be changed
	based on funding)
10	\$3,000
9 - 6	\$2,500
5 - 4	\$2,000
3 - 2	\$1,500
1	\$1,250
0	\$1,000

- Students are then sorted by residency. We separate them into three groups:
  - o Texas Residents,
  - Non-Residents, and
  - o Foreign
- Each group is then sorted by classification: Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, and First-time Freshman.
- We then pullout the list of scholarships that are available to award and identify if any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Amount subject to change due to funds available.

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other specified criteria have been set by donor.

- We begin to identify the student applicants that meet the requirements of the scholarships that have more stringent requirements, such as specific majors, specific residency location, financial need, etc....
- Once we identify these students we assign the scholarship account that they qualify for.
- After all students have been assign a scholarship account, we then review the funding available to see if we can offer the amount we had previously decided on. If funding is limited, we look for another potential scholarship that can supplement the difference. If at any time we do not have enough funds to offer the original amount, then we will reduce it as necessary.
- Student recipients of Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust Scholarship are required to submit an acknowledgement form (see Appendix A) and will be provided with a Q&A form (see Appendix B)

#### **Renewal Process**

For applicable scholarship accounts we look at each accounts requirement to renew. (See Appendix C on renewable scholarships). Example:

To renew the LBV Trust Scholarship we look for the following criteria:

- Completion of 24 hours in the previous academic year, and<sup>4</sup>
- A TAMIU overall GPA of a 2.75 or more
- Completion of 30 community service hours

#### **Notification Process**

Once the students' scholarship accounts and amounts have been finalized, the Scholarship Coordinator adjusts the student accounts in the BANNER system, RPAAWRD form with the data. An email is then sent to notify the student of their new scholarship offer(s). The email includes the deadline to accept, enrollment requirement, and any other requirements that may apply. The three types of notifications sent out are: 1) Scholarship is renewable and requires Thank you letter 2) Student must reapply each year and requires Thank you letter 3) Scholarship is renewable but no Thank you letter is required.<sup>5</sup>

If student's TAMIU GPA is below a 2.75 they will receive email advising them they are ineligible to be a recipient of the scholarship. Also, if student is not enrolled full-time an email is sent to advise the student, they will need to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 SCH). They have until the last day to register for courses to be added.

After the deadline passed, a second email notification with a new deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> class day is given to submit the Thank you letter.

#### **Enrollment Verification Process**

Three weeks prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> class day, we run a report that will extract the enrollment for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If award was made for the spring semester only, then we require that they complete at least 12 hours in that semester, plus the GPA listed above

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Students submit the "Thank you" letter to the Office of Career Services.

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scholarship recipients.

If a student is not enrolled the required 12 semester credit hours, an email is sent to remind them of this requirement. The email includes the option to submit an appeal in cases of graduation or limited courses due to degree program.

Students who do not meet the enrollment requirement and did not submitted a scholarship appeal, will have their funds canceled. Reinstatement is possible if student is meeting enrollment requirements and if funds are available.

Students have until the semester's census date to adjust their enrollment; therefore, we review their final enrollment at that time before the scholarship funds are released.

#### Thank you Letter Requirement

Students will receive an email with the instructions with the link to electronically complete the Thank You Letter. The Office of Career Services will automatically receive the Thank you Letter for review and approval. Once approved the Office of Career Services updates the excel spreadsheet on the shared drive: Collaborate (O:) Drive, Student Thank you Letters, FYXXXX Thank you letter log.

The Scholarship coordinator reviews the spreadsheet daily to update tracking (RRAREQ) on the student account to satisfy the thank you letter requirement.

#### **Community Service Hours**

Students must complete 30<sup>6</sup> community service hours (CSH) as part of the LBV Trust Scholarship renewal requirements.

- 15 CSH due by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- 15 CSH due by May 1<sup>st</sup>

The community service hours must be summitted to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement for review and approval online using Trailblazers: <u>https://trailblazers.tamiu.edu/</u>

Once approved by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement office will update Trailblazer so the Scholarship Coordinator can run a report to clear the FINAID Hold.<sup>7</sup> Students awarded the LBV Trust Scholarship will have a hold (SOAHOLD) in their account effective December 1<sup>st</sup> to verify student completed the first 15 CSH. If student completed the 1<sup>st</sup> 15 CSH the hold will be move to May 1<sup>st</sup> to verify the second 15 CSH completion.

Hold Type	Reason	From	То	Origination Code
FA	LBV 15 Com. Serv. Hrs. FallXX	12/01/20XX	12/31/2099	FIN
FA	LBV 15 Com. Serv. Hrs. Spr.XX	05/01/20XX	12/31/2099	FIN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If recipient is receiving a Spring Only award, they need to complete only 15 community service hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The hold is removed based on data that is extracted at the time of review.

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If student does not complete the 1<sup>st</sup> 15 CHS will have a hold in SOAHOLD and ROAHOLD. The holds will not be waived and/or removed until student has completed the community service hours. The holds will prevent student from receiving official transcripts, make changes to schedule (add/drop courses), receive diploma. Students who were awarded Fall and Spring will automatically forfeit the Spring portion of the scholarship.

Students will receive email notification of the hold in their account and with cancellation of their Spring award. If student replies stating will not be completing the community service hours, the student must return the Fall scholarship amount awarded back to the university in order to remove the hold. In order words student will have the option to still complete the 15 CSH and maintain the Fall scholarship only or will cancel the Fall Scholarship and student will return the Fall funds to the university.

#### Appendix A

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### Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust Scholarship Acknowledgement Form<sup>8</sup>

l,	Accept	A Decline	e
he Lamar Bruni	Vergara Trust Scholarship in w	hich I receive \$	for this academic
	year at Texas A&M Inte	ernational University.	
I understand th	at I must submit the 20XX-XX FAFS	A or TASFA to TAMIU, as a	ipplicable.
I understand th	at I must register full-time each se	mester (minimum of 12 SC	CH) to receive award.
o For the Fall	20XX semester at TAMIU I must be	e registered by August 1, 2	OXX.
I understand th	at I must complete 30 community	service hours as part of th	is scholarship.
o With 15 hou	urs due by December 1 <sup>st</sup> and the o	ther 15 hours due by May	1 <sup>st</sup> in Trailblazers.
	lblazers.tamiu.edu/		
o I understan	d that I must submit the communi	ty service hours <mark>within 30</mark>	<i>days</i> of the service event.
o If the first 1	5 hours are not submitted by the o	deadline, the Spring 2021 p	portion will be cancelled in
January.			
	be placed in your account and will		
	or the Fall 20XX funds have been re		•
	at this scholarship is available for a	a maximum of three years,	and that it is non-
	d may cease if funding ends.		
	nust meet the following for possibl	le renewal of scholarship:	
	ntain a TAMIU overall GPA of 2.75,		
	essfully complete 24 semester crea	dit hours by the end of the	20XX-XX academic year at
-	nmer not included).		
	essfully complete 30 community h	•	•
	at failure to comply with any of the	e above mentioned regula	tions will forfeit my current
and possible fut	ture award(s).		
	<b>C</b> '		
	Signature		Date

This form must be returned (in person, email, or fax) to the Office of Financial Aid: No later than August 21, 20XX Location: Zaffirini Student Success Center Suite 214 Fax: (956) 326-2224 Email: <a href="mailto:scholarships@tamiu.edu">scholarships@tamiu.edu</a>

#### Failure to submit this form by deadline will result in forfeit of scholarship.

For more information or questions please call (956) 326-2225.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> LBV Acknowledgement form is located in G:Drive, Scholarships, LBV Scholarship, Scholarship Acknowledgment...

#### Appendix **B**

#### Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust Scholarship Questions & Answers<sup>9</sup>

1. Do I need to submit a FAFSA/TASFA application each year?

Yes, it is recommended to apply each year to determine eligibility for other assistance.

2. Do I need to be enrolled full-time each semester?

Yes, students are required to enroll fulltime (minimum of 12 semester credit hours per semester)

- 3. What is the required TAMIU GPA to qualify for the LBV Trust Scholarship? An overall TAMIU GPA of 2.75 or higher is required.
- 4. How many hours of community service do I need to complete for the year in order for my scholarship to be renewed?

Students must successfully complete 30 community service hours by the end of the academic year:

- 15 hours due December 1<sup>st</sup> and
- 15 hours due May 1<sup>st.</sup>
- 5. When do I need to submit my community service hours?

Students must submit the community service hours within 30 days of the service event.

6. Where do I submit my community service hours?

Students must create an account in Trailblazers and join the LBV Trust Scholarship group. The Community Service Hours Verification Timesheet must be attachment in Trailblazers.

- 7. Where do I create my Trailblazers account? Accounts are created online at: <u>https://trailblazers.tamiu.edu/</u>
- 8. Does donating items count as community hours?

Yes, we will accept up to 10 hours of community service per semester through donations.

9. If organization and/or event provided their own forms will they be accepted in Trailblazers?

Yes, student may use the community service form provided through the event.

- 10. Can my community service hours count for multiple TAMIU organizations? No, hours submitted must be for one entity only.
- 11. Can my community service hours be split for two TAMIU organizations? Yes, you may choose to split your hours between two entities.
- 12. What happens when I do not submit the community service hours? A hold will be place in the student account and will not be waived and/or removed until all community service hours have been completed. Failure to complete the first deadline will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> LBV Q&A form is located in G:Drive, Scholarships, LBV Scholarship, Q&A's LBV Trust

cause student to forfeit Spring portion awarded.

#### 13. If I am graduating in December, do I need to complete the 30 community hours?

No, if you are expected to graduate in December, you are required to complete 15 community service hours. Also, contact the Office of Financial Aid to adjust your file for Fall only.

#### 14. What is required in order for this scholarship to be renewed?

Students are required to successfully pass 24 semester credit hours between Fall & Spring semesters, maintain an overall TAMIU GPA of a 2.75+ and complete the community service hours.

#### 15. What is the maximum time frame to qualify and receive the LBV Scholarship?

The scholarship is available for a maximum of three consecutive years.

### <u>Appendix C</u>

First-Time Freshmen and Transfer Presidential Renewal Requirements:

Scholarship Name	Fund	Enrollment	Semester	TAMIU GPA
	Code		Credit Hours	
Presidential	GAPRES	Full-time	30	3.0
Achievement	GAACHI	Full-time	30	3.0
Pride	GAPRID	Full-time	30	3.0
Discover	GADISC	Full-time	30	3.0
Presidential	GBPRES	Full-time	30	3.0
Achievement	GBACHI	Full-time	30	3.0
Pride	GBPRID	Full-time	30	3.0
Discover	GBDISC	Full-time	30	3.0
Presidential	GCPRES	Full-time	30	2.75
Achievement	GCACHI	Full-time	30	2.75
Pride	GCPRID	Full-time	30	2.75
Discover	GCDISC	Full-time	30	2.75
Presidential	GDPRES	Full-time	30	3.0
Achievement	GDACHI	Full-time	30	3.0
Pride	GDPRID	Full-time	30	3.0
Discover	GDDISC	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Presidential	G1TPFS	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Achievement	G1TAFS	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Presidential	G1TPSF	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Achievement	G1TASF	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Presidential	G2TPFS	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Achievement	G2TAFS	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Presidential	G2TPSF	Full-time	30	3.0
Transfer Achievement	G2TASF	Full-time	30	3.0

Scholarship Name	Fund Code	Enrollment	Semester Credit Hours	TAMIU GPA	Than k you letter	Community Service Hours	Other
Arturo Benavides Sr.	GABEN	Full-time	24	2.0	Yes	N/A	Dyslexia
ML Gallagher Leyendecker	GALLA G	Full-time	24	3.0	Yes	N/A	Children of Police Officer
Arguindegui Oil Co.	GARGN	Full-time	24	3.0	Yes	N/A	Resident LDO(240) ZAP(253), HEB(124) ,and surrounding areas/ FAFSA NEED
Lacey C Keck	GLKECK	Full-time	24	3.0	Yes	N/A	JR/SR Education Majors
Max Mandel Memorial	GMAND L	Full-time	24	3.0	Yes	N/A	Top 25% of graduating Class
Brian & Sondra O'Brien	GOBRIN	Full-time	24	3.0	Yes	N/A	Maverick County (159) max of \$1,000
Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust	GTAMIU	Full-time	24	2.75	No	30	
FA Student Success	PSTSUC	Full-time	24	2.75	No	N/A	

#### Undergraduate General Academic Scholarship Renewal Requirements:

### Fall/Spring General Scholarship Application

For Current Undergraduate TAMIU Students

Must be Enrolled Full-Time (12 hours per long semester) to be Eligible. TAMIU overall GPA must be greater than a 3.0 for consideration.

Deadline: May 30th			
Academic Award Year: 2021-2022			
TAMIU Banner ID *			
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Enter 9 characters. Currently Used: 1 cha	racters.		
Last Name *	First Name *		Middle Initial
Address *			
Street Address			
City	State / Province / Reg	ion	
	United States	~	
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Mother's Highest Level of Education *			
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Birth State *	1		

#### Birth Country \*

#### Nationality \*

- O U.S. Citizen
- O Permanent Resident
- International Student
- \*Student under SB1528

#### Ethnicity \*

- Native American
- African American
- O Asian / Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino
- $\bigcirc$  White
- $\bigcirc$  Other

Are you a Texas Resident? \*

- ⊖ Yes
- O No

#### Organizations/Involvement

Please list any organizations you belong to, if it is at TAMIU, and indicate if you hold an officer position: \*

Out of those listed above, are any in a TAMIU Organization? \*

⊖ Yes

- O No
- Not Applicable

Is your family involved in the Oil Field Industry or do you plan on pursuing a Career in the Oil Field Industry? \*

- ⊖ Yes
- O No

Is one of your Parents a Teacher? \*

$\bigcirc$	Yes

O No

#### Academics

Declared Major of Study \*

Declared Minor of Study (if applicable)

Departmental College \*

Expected Date of Graduation \*

□ / □ / □ ■ ■ MM DD YYYY

#### Résumé

The résumé provides you with an opportunity to tell us more about yourself. List academic honors, extracurricular activities, clubs and organizations and positions held, awards, community service, participation, special skills and talents, work experience, and other information you feel is pertinent to your application. Visit the Office of Career Services for assistance located in Student Center room 114.

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#### Résumé Upload \*

Choose File No file chosen

#### **Certification Statement**

By clicking "Submit" below, I certify that this scholarship is based exclusively on academic merit, hence, my relation to a current Texas A&M University Board of Regent member, if any, for the selection of scholarship recipients is irrelevant (State Law, SB 1325). I also certify that the information in this application packet is accurate and unique. I acknowledge that any omission or inaccurate information could jeopardize my standing at Texas A&M International University, a Member of The Texas A&M University System.

#### Acknowledgement \*

□ I have read and agree to the statement above.



# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Date

Student ID: AXX123456

Student Name Address City, State Zip

#### Congratulations, Student Name!

It is my honor to recognize you as a recipient of Texas A&M International University's **Presidential** Scholarship, part of TAMIU's expanded scholarship vision we call "The Excellence Investment".

In being singled out for this honor, you join a highly select group of freshman class students who have truly distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievements and impressive personal excellence. I am pleased to inform you that your total renewable scholarship is **\$32**,000 and you will receive **\$8**,000 for each academic year - over the next four years.

We believe that our investment in you ensures a trajectory that will enable you to become a campus student leader and make extraordinary contributions on and off-campus. You will have an unparalleled opportunity to collaborate side-by-side with an internationally renowned faculty dedicated to your success. Our academic and student programs will ensure you achieve all your personal and professional goals.

#### How to Accept Your Scholarship

In order to finalize your Pride Scholarship, please login to your TAMIU UConnect account and accept your scholarship award offer. In addition, you must submit the Scholarship Acknowledgement Form attached to this letter via email to enroll@tamiu.edu. Please do so by Friday, January 15, 2021. If you do not respond by this date, you will automatically forfeit your scholarship to another deserving student.

Once again, congratulations from all of us at TAMIU. We look forward to your joining our University community and maximizing your innate gifts and remarkable potential to Go Beyond!

Sincerely yours,

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Pablo Arenaz, Ph.D. | President

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a scholarship award for the 2020-2021 Spring semester. Please make sure to logon to your UConnect account to **accept your award before** *February 3, 2021*. Failure to accept the award by the deadline will result in the cancellation of your award.

Although some scholarship awards require a thank you letter to be sent to the donors, this particular scholarship *TAMIU-LBV General Scholarship* does not. This scholarship is renewable as long as the following criteria are met at the end of this spring semester:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Successfully complete 12 credit hours

Failure to meet these requirements will forfeit your renewable award.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email us at <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this TAMIU scholarship.

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a scholarship award for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please make sure you logon to your UConnect account to **accept your award before** *July 31, 2021*. Failure to accept the award by the deadline will result in the cancellation of your award.

Although some scholarship awards require a thank you letter be sent to the donors, this particular scholarship award **does not**. This award is **Non-renewable**, therefore you must reapply next year in April.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email us at <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this TAMIU scholarship.

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a scholarship award for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please make sure you logon to your UConnect to **accept your award before** *July 31, 2021*. Failure to accept the award by the deadline will result in the cancellation of your award.

Before your accepted award can be disbursed, you must create and submit a thank you letter to the <u>Office of Career Services</u>. Their office is located in Student Center 114 and they will be able to assist you in writing the thank you letter. **The deadline to submit the letter is** *July 31, 2021*.

The great thing about this scholarship is that it is renewable as long as the following criteria are met at the end of each academic year:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Successfully complete 24 credit hours

Again, these requirements must be met at the end of each academic year in order to continue receiving this scholarship. Failure to meet these requirements will forfeit your award.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email us at <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>.

Once again, congratulations on receiving your TAMIU scholarship.

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a scholarship award for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please make sure you logon to your UConnect account to **accept your award before** *July 31, 2021*. Failure to accept the award by the deadline will result in the cancellation of your award.

Before your accepted funds can be disbursed, you must complete and return the attached release donor form to the <u>Office of Financial Aid</u>.

Although some scholarship awards require a thank you letter be sent to the donors, this *Stripes College Scholarship* award **does not**. This award is **Non-renewable**, therefore you must reapply next year in April.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email us at <u>scholarships@tamiu.edu</u>.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this TAMIU scholarship.



# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

August 3, 2021

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your application to the Undergraduate Academic General Scholarship! We had a large number of exceptional applicants, and regret to inform you that you have not been selected for the award.

The process of narrowing down a large applicant pool is a challenging one, especially when it is composed of so many highly qualified candidates. The decision is not, therefore, a negative assessment of your skills or accomplishments.

I want to personally thank you for your interest in our scholarship and giving us the opportunity to learn a little bit about you. We wish you the utmost success throughout your time at TAMIU, and encourage you to apply again in the future. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and thanks!

Sincerely,

Brenda Diaz Scholarship Coordinator

Office of Financial Aid 5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041 956.326.2225 financialaid@tamiu.edu TAMIU.EDU







I,

### Office of Recruitment and School Relations

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

### Freshmen Automatic Merit Presidential Scholarship

Acknowledgement Form

TAMIU ID: \_\_\_\_\_



Decline

The Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$32,000,

in which I will receive \$8,000 each academic year for four consecutive years at TAMIU.

- I understand that I must register full-time for the Fall 2021 semester at TAMIU.
- I understand that I must register full-time for every subsequent long semester prior to First Class Day.
- I understand that I must complete and submit the 2021-2022 FAFSA to TAMIU (if applicable).
- I understand that I must complete a financial aid folder at the Office of Financial Aid.
- I understand that I must complete 30 semester credit hours by the end of each academic year at TAMIU (Fall, Spring, & Summer).
- I understand that I must maintain an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or better.
- I understand that I can only accept and receive one academic scholarship awarded by TAMIU.
- I understand that this scholarship is non-transferable to any institution of higher education.
- I understand that I must be in compliance with the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAPP) at all times.
- I understand that failure to comply with any of the above regulations will forfeit my scholarship.

**Student Signature** 

Date

This form must be returned to the Office of Recruitment and School Relations, Zaffirini Success Center 130, no later than Friday, April 30, 2021. Failure to submit this form prior to the deadline will forfeiture the scholarship. For more information or questions, please call 956.326.2270.

Date:\_\_\_\_



#### TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY A Member of The Texas A&M University System

#### University Scholarship Committee Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement

To be completed by each staff member that reviews scholarship applications and submitted annually to the Committee Chair prior to receiving or reviewing scholarship applications.

A conflict of interest can occur when an action of a university member reviewing and/or recommending a scholarship award results in a direct financial benefit to a person closely affiliated to the university member. A conflict of interest may also occur if a university member exerts influence to select a recipient without considering objective criteria for the scholarship.

University/selection committee members are often asked to serve because of their knowledge of local communities or connection with schools and colleges. In some cases, scholarship donors may act in an advisory capacity to a scholarship committee as well. This may mean that they are familiar with individual scholarship applicants or their families or in some cases, related to applicants. University members must be able to make independent decisions on behalf of the Office of Financial Aid and Texas A&M International University without potential or perceived influence caused by a conflict of interest. They must evaluate the eligibility of all applicants without bias and make selection recommendations based on the established objective criteria for the scholarship.

University/selection committee members should avoid any situation where personal and business relationships could have, or give the appearance of having, influence on the member's judgment in matters under consideration.

In the event of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, the committee member shall declare the conflict to the Chair of the committee and not review the application and/or leave the meeting until deliberations on the applicant are complete. The member shall not influence the discussion or decision making process where there is a potential conflict of interest.

As a member of the selection committee, I confirm that:

- 1. I have received, read and understand the Scholarship Handbook for University Departments applicable to Texas A&M International University scholarships.
- 2. I will maintain confidentiality in all selection committee discussions.
- 3. I affirm that this selection committee is not directly or indirectly controlled by the donor(s), donor advisor(s) or their family members.
- 4. The review and decision to award a scholarship will be based on objective criteria reasonably related to the purposes of the scholarship. Scholarship applications will be distributed to a broad class of eligible individuals and no individual is earmarked to receive a scholarship award.
- 5. I affirm that I will not recommend that any scholarship be awarded to a student who is my employee or family member.

Date:

I understand that Conflict of Interest Policy set forth above and agree to adhere to this policy.

Signature:

Printed Name:

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### **Texas A&M International University**

**Scholarship Disbursement Requisition** 

					4. Semester and Aca	demic Year:	
1. FAMIS Account	t Number:	_					
2. Scholarship Na	me:	_	FA Fund Code	SDR SEQ#			
3. Originating Dep	partment:	_					
5. Beginning Account	nt Balance as Per FA	MIS m	ninus any outstanding SDR's n	not ref	lected in FAMIS:	\$	
Last Name	First Name	MI	Banner ID	A/O	Amount	Notes	
<b>mportant:</b> It is the responsibility of the originating department to confirm that the recipient is eligible to receive this Scholarship under the FAMIU and/or Donor guidelines.							

#### **Required Signatures**

Originator

Scholarship Committee Chair, and/or FAMIS Account Responsible Person

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT REQUISITION (SDR)

- 1. FAMIS Account Number: Indicate the FAMIS account number where the funds will be disbursed from.
- 2. Scholarship Account Name: Indicate the name of the Scholarship.
- 3. Originating Department: Indicate the name of the department submitting this request.
- 4. Semester and Academic Year: Indicate the semester(s) and fiscal year when these disbursements are going to be released.

EXAMPLE:	Semester(s)	Academic Year
	Fall & Spring	17-18
	Fall Only	18-19
	Spring Only	19-20
	Summer Only	20-21

5. FA Fund Code and SDR SEQ #: Indicate which fund code correspond to the account and if sending multiple SDR's add the sequence number.

#### **RECIPIENT SECTION** (This section is to be used for recipient information.)

#### Enter the following information for each recipient:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Initial
- Campus Wide Identification Number (Do NOT use Social Security Numbers)
- Athlete students ONLY: If the recipient is an athlete student you must indicate if this award was given due to the athletic ability (A) or other reason such as academic (O).
- Amount of award

#### **<u>REQUIRED SIGNATURES</u>** (This section must be signed by the appropriate person.)

- Originator: The person creating this form must sign and print name.
- Scholarship Committee Chair/FAMIS Account Responsible Person: If a committee was used for the selection of these recipients the chair of the committee must sign this form and/or the person responsible for this account must sign if approving these disbursements.
- Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator: Coordinator will review and post awards.

#### **DEADLINES**

- Deadline for the SDR form to be received by the Office of Financial Aid in order to disburse these awards prior to tuition and fees being due per semester is:
  - Two weeks before tuition and fees are due for the semester based on the University Academic Calendar (available on-line at <u>www.tamiu.edu</u>).
  - All forms received after the deadline will be processed as received.
  - NOTE: If any late fees are assessed to the student and your scholarship/grant was going to cover all of the tuition and fees your account will be billed for the late fees when the SDR was not received by the deadline.



### UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL REQUEST TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Deadline: Fall 21 - Sept 8, 2021 and Spring 22 -February 3, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND C AND ATTACH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.						
SECTION A: IDENTIFYING INFORM.						
Last Name	First Name	MI	CWID#	Daytime Phone Number		
Local Address	City	ST	Zip Code	E-mail Address		
	Chy	51				
Please indicate what your reques	t is for:					
$\Box$ I am submitting a request t	o appeal the full-time enro	llment re	equirement and have submitte	ed the required documents.		
6 1				e submitted the required documents.		
Section B: Reason for Appeal	o uppeur the Travite Seno	iurship i	ene wai requirements and hav	e submitted the required documents.		
SECTION D. REASON FOR AFFEAL						
In accordance with Texas A&M Int	ternational University procedu	ure, I app	eal the full-time enrollment requ	irement based on:		
$\Box$ This is my last semester	r and the hours needed for gra	duation a	re less than full-time. <b>Provide a</b>	copy of degree plan, graduation		
application and proof	f of payment.					
$\Box$ The courses available for	or my degree program for this	semester	r do not equal to full-time. <b>Provi</b>	de copy of degree plan and letter from		
college degree advisor	r stating this fact and that th	nere are	no substitutions available as we	ell.		
In accordance with Texas A&M Int	ternational University procedu	ure, I app	eal my scholarship academic pro	gress standing based on:		
$\Box$ The death of a relative: I	Provide statement with deta	ils such a	as number of classes missed, re	lationship to you, and documentation		
for proof, etc.)						
☐ Injury or illness: <b>Provid</b>	e statement with details sucl	h as num	ber of classes missed, duration	of illness, doctor's excuse, etc.		
I had to repeat courses w	vithin the same academic year	due to m	v degree program requirements;	therefore, I did not earn the total hours		
-	-			r from college degree advisor stating		
-	e were no substitutions avai			i nom conege degree advisor stating		
this fact and that the	e were no substitutions avai		ipplicable.			
$\Box$ Other special circumstar	aces: Provide statement with	full exp	lanation of circumstances bevo	nd your control that caused you to not		
-	your academic requirement	-		· ·		
successfully complete	your ucuuchile requirement					
SECTION C: REINSTATEMENT INFO	ORMATION	1				
Select semester you are appealing for	(enter the YEAR)	List	name of scholarship(s) (NOT Gran	ts) this request is being submitted for:		
Fall 20	Spring 20					
<b>RETURN THIS FORM TO: Office of</b>		niversity	Boulevard, ZSC Suite 214, Laredo	, TX 78041 or fax to 956-326-2224.		
SECTION D: CERTIFICATION AND S						
-				belief. If asked by an authorized official, I		
	-			viding false or misleading information on		
this form may result in reduction or	repayment of aid, fines and/o	or imprise	-			
Student's Signature     Date form was signed						
For Office Use Only						
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Reason for Denial		Awar \$	Award Amount     Number of Semesters or       \$     Academic Years Left:			
Staff Initials	Date	Notes	:			



## New Scholarship Account Setup in BANNER

Complete and submit this form only if:

Please check one:

□This is a new scholarship account.

□This is a change to an existing scholarship account.

Scholarship Information						
Department						
Scholarship Name						
Contact Person for this Scholarship						
Contact Phone Number						
Contact Email						
FAMIS Account #						
BANNER A/R Detail Code – Comptroller's Office						
BANNER Fund Code – Financial Aid Office						
Criteria	a					
Minimum # of Hours Required per Semester (Undergrad)						
Minimum # of Hours Required per Semester (Graduate)						
Does this scholarship require a FAFSA?	□Yes □ No					
Is this scholarship need based?	□Yes □ No					
Thank You Letter Required?	□Yes □ No					
Funding Source:	□Federal					
	□State					
	□Institutional					
	□External					

Please submit this form via email to: <a href="mailto:scholarships@tamiu.edu">scholarships@tamiu.edu</a>.