



**State Representative Pat Fallon  
House District 106**

**2014-2015 Texas Armed Services Scholarship Application**

**Overview**

The Texas Legislature created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) to encourage students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at civilian colleges. A student must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to receive an initial award. In addition to the eligibility criteria, a student must enter into an agreement requiring a four year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine or a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Annually, the governor and the lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student to receive a *conditional* TASSP. A maximum of 185 students may be appointed annually. A student may receive up to \$10,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year and, dependent on funding available, students may receive up to four years of awards.

**Eligibility for Nomination**

In order to be considered for a TASSP, **a student enrolling in higher education straight from high school** must meet **two** of the following **four** academic criteria at the time of application:

- Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1590) or ACT (23);
- Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

A **non-freshman student** applying for an initial award must meet the continuing eligibility requirements outlined below that also apply for continuing receipt of the TASSP.

**Eligibility for Receipt of Initial Award**

To receive an initial conditional award through the TASSP, a selected student must:

- Be enrolled in a Texas public or private accredited institution of higher education;
- Be a member in good standing of a ROTC program while enrolled in the institution, as certified by the institution;
- Enter into a written agreement with the Coordinating Board agreeing to:
  - Complete four years of ROTC training;

- Graduate no later than six years after the date the student first enrolls at an institution of higher education;
- No later than six months after graduation, provide the Coordinating Board with verification of:
  - (i) A four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine; or
  - (ii) A contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States;
- Meet all prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine or the branch of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract; and
- **Repay the award or awards if the student fails to meet the requirements for obtaining the TASSP.**

### **Eligibility for Continued Awards (As funds are available)**

**Dependent on funding available**, a student may continue to receive an annual *conditional* TASSP if the student:

- Maintains satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution in which the student is enrolled;
- Continues to be a member of a ROTC program; and
- Has not earned a baccalaureate degree or a cumulative total of 150 credit hours, including transferred hours.

### **Application Instructions**

Students from House District 106 may apply for the scholarship by sending the following application packet to Representative Fallon's office **by Tuesday, June 10, 2014**:

- Application Form
- Resume
- One-page letter detailing how this scholarship would help student to achieve his or her goals

Applications may be submitted:

- by e-mail to [District106.Fallon@house.state.tx.us](mailto:District106.Fallon@house.state.tx.us),
- by mail to 100 W. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, Texas, 75068, or
- by fax to (469) 362-0540.

If you have any questions, please contact Representative Fallon's district office at (469) 362-0500 or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at (512) 427-6111.

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**Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program  
Application for Nomination**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Home Address (Residency): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ May we text you? YES / NO

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT & ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

Are/were you a member in good standing of your high school ROTC program? YES / NO

Are you on track to graduate or did you graduate high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB)? YES / NO

High School Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

University or College you attend/will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on participating/currently participate in this school's ROTC program? YES / NO

College ROTC Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that this application form and all supplemental materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements set forth by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and I certify that I meet the minimum qualifications for the 2014-2015 Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) based on these standards. I recognize that, if nominated for the TASSP by Representative Fallon's office, it is **my** responsibility to process all paperwork with the THECB and my college or university according to the timeline laid forth by my school's financial aid department and that Representative Fallon's office plays no role in the management or distribution of financial aid funds.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Electronic signatures WILL NOT be accepted. Please print and sign this form.