

TEXAS STUDENT HOUSING

(AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE TOWN OF WESTLAKE)

2015-2016 Scholarship Application

**For current University, Community College or
Transfer Students**

**In 2014 TSHA awarded in excess of \$372,000 (market value)
scholarships**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2015

This scholarship is open to students accepted to colleges in ***Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas***, that have **NOT** signed off-campus housing leases.

Please note: **Texas Woman's University typically does not permit Freshmen or Sophomore students to live off campus. The **University of North Texas** restricts Freshmen from living off-campus as well. Therefore, scholarships may be limited to upper-classmen at these universities.*

Introduction

Texas Student Housing Authority's (TSHA) academic scholarships are administered by the Board of Directors. The academic scholarship described below rewards academic and leadership excellence. Family financial needs may be considered. A complete application for the scholarship listed in this publication consists of the application form, personal statement, official transcript, letters of recommendation, and standardized test scores. ALL TSHA scholarships awarded through this application will be announced to the winning applicants by e-mail or US mail. **Please make sure TSHA is kept informed of any changes in your contact information (e-mail address, mailing address, and/or home/cell telephone number).**

Application Instructions

1. **Application Form:** Properly complete and sign the application form. Scholarship application materials should be mailed to the address on the last page of this package. **Postmark deadline for this application is JANUARY 31, 2015.** Earlier submission of the application is encouraged.
2. **Eligibility:** TSHA Scholarships are available to Texas High School graduating seniors, Community College attendees, and university upper classmen who have previously graduated from a Texas High School.
3. **Community Colleges and University Transcripts:** An **OFFICIAL** University and/or Community Colleges transcript indicating grades and class rank through the fall of the previous year must accompany the scholarship application. Faxed copies of transcripts are not official and cannot be accepted. Also enclose a letter of good standing and full time status from the University or College.
4. **GPA:** Please make sure the College Official has filled in the applicant's GPA and all requested data on the page he/she fills out. The GPA must be presented on a 4.0 scale.
5. **Completeness of the Application Package:** The ability to follow the given instructions will be a factor in the award process.

Scholarships

1. Scholarships for academic year 2015-2016 will be limited to students who will be attending college in Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas.
2. Scholarships are awarded for the full or partial cost of an **OFF-CAMPUS** room for one (1) academic year at, Town Lake in Austin, the Ridge at North Texas, and the Cambridge in College Station or at an alternate comparable facility IF designated by TSH. **This scholarship cannot be transferred to another university or location** A scholarship awardee may be eligible for scholarship support the following year if the student maintains TSHA established academic and leadership standards and communicates with the TSHA Board as required.
3. A college grade point average of 3.0 is desired for renewal of the scholarship for subsequent years. The Board also requires you to keep them apprised of your progress in school.

4. A deposit of \$250.00 is required **on acceptance** of a TSHA partial scholarship, not as a part of this application. This deposit is non refundable, but will be applied to the student's portion of the housing cost. The total housing cost consists of three increments: The scholarship, balance of the rent owed and an administrative payment to TSHA. The sum of the three will not exceed the base retail price normally charged by the property manager to non scholarship residents.

KEEP THESE THREE PAGES OF INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DO NOT MAIL WITH APPLICATION

**TEXAS STUDENT HOUSING AUTHORITY
INCREMENTAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL PROFILE
Please type or print in ink**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle: _____

E-mail address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number with Area Code: (_____) _____

Birth date _____ Birthplace _____
Month/Day/Year City State County

US Citizen? Yes No If "No" complete: _____
Country of Citizenship Permanent resident Visa Type
PR#

Date Issued: _____
(Enclose copy of both sides of card)

Please indicate the gross annual household income for your family by checking the appropriate range below:

Less than 50,000

50,001 to 125,000

125,000 and above

*Please attach a current
photograph of yourself
here.*

***Please note: Failure to attach a current photo will delay the processing of your application.
Financial Aid documents may be attached but are not required.***

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle: _____

COLLEGE COURSE WORK PROFILE

Fall 2015 - City where University/College is located (please select all that apply):

Austin College Station Denton

Please note, the TSHA Housing Scholarship only applies to housing in one of the three Texas cities listed above.

Name of University/College you will be attending: _____

Include acceptance letter with application (if not yet accepted and are subsequently accepted, send this updated information to TSHA ASAP so we can update your application.

Community college/University:

List all Community Colleges or Universities you have attended. Place first the school where you attend currently and list chronologically.

School Name	School Address	City, State, Zip	Attendance Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you declared a major? Yes No

If yes, please indicate: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Personal statement should be typewritten on an 8½” by 11” white unlined paper, double-spaced, leaving 1 inch margins and using front side only. The personal statement must be included with this submittal. **Do not send items separately.** Since this statement may be photocopied for committee members, be sure the print is dark enough to produce legible photocopies. In 250 words or less, answer the following questions:

- Why do you want and need this scholarship?
- Comment on university courses that have been most challenging and rewarding.
- Comment on character traits, which have been your best assets.
- Describe your post-college ambition.

I understand that the information submitted herein will be relied upon by officials of the TSHA to determine my status as a scholarship candidate. I certify that the information in and submitted with this application is complete and correct and understand that it may be verified by the TSHA and that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application and withdrawal of any offer of scholarship. I also give permission to release these materials to any appropriate scholarship committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACTIVITIES PROFILE
HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

List major honors and distinctions, in order of importance to you, received both in and out of school during grades 9-12 and post High School (include Leadership Positions). Include the sponsor, basis of award and date received. **DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 10, LIST THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT.**

Award/Honor	Sponsor	Basis of Award	Date Received

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List below, in order of importance to you, your principal extracurricular activities in grades 9-12 and college. (Do not list employment or volunteer work.) If not self-explanatory by title, please describe the activity. **DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 8, LIST THE 8 MOST IMPORTANT.**

Activity	Note grade level(s) of participation by recording number of hours per week & weeks per year you were/are involved in the activity.	Position/office held or honors won

COMMUNITY SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

Describe the nature of the activities/community service (*Examples: Candy Striper, Literacy Volunteer, etc.*) your specific role, when you participated in the activities, and how much of your time was devoted to each activity. **DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 8, LIST THE 8 MOST IMPORTANT.**

Activity	Description/Role	Dates	Hours

WORK EXPERIENCE/SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Please list any jobs (*Example: Fast Food, Primary Caretaker, etc.*) you have held or are holding and provide dates of employment, hours per week, and a brief description of your position and responsibilities. You may also include significant summer activities such as academic enrichment or travel abroad. **DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 8, LIST THE 8 MOST IMPORTANT.**

Job/Activity	Position/Responsibilities	Date	Hours per week

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Writer

Title

Date

1. _____
2. _____

COLLEGE OFFICIAL MUST COMPLETE THIS PAGE FOR APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETE

Student Name: _____ **College:** _____

1. **Class Rank:** The candidate most recently ranks _____ in class numbering _____.
If school does not rank; Student falls in the _____ % of his/her class.
2. **GPA:** Student has GPA of _____.
3. **Academic Preparation:** In comparison with other college students at your campus, how would you describe the academic curriculum under taken by this candidate?

Less demanding than average
Average
More demanding than average
The most demanding available
4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Students must submit at least two (2) LETTERS of recommendation from a counselor, principal, teacher, employer, minister, etc. appraising the individual's academic and personal qualities and promise as a University/College student. Unusual family circumstances or special personal challenges should be presented. Scholarship committees are particularly interested in evidence of character, relative maturity, integrity, independence, interest, and any special talents or qualities. Please avoid listing activities which are available elsewhere in this application. **Letters must accompany this application.**

Has the student been accepted for enrollment to _____? Yes No

If no, has the student applied for admission? Yes No

Submitted by (print name): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title Position: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

Either the student or the counselor/principal may return this application, personal statement, official transcript, and letters of recommendation as a part of this package, postmarked by **January 31, 2015** to: **Texas Student Housing Authority, 3 Village Circle, Suite 207, Westlake, Texas 76262.**

Please review the following checklist to ensure your application package is complete.

- Are you attending a university located in one of the following cities? Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas.
- Have you included your full legal name?
- Have you entered your e-mail address and phone number and are they legible? You must advise TSH of any changes.
- Have you included the personal statement on a separate sheet of paper?
- Have you signed the application?
- Have you given the name of the college you attend or plan to attend?
- Has your counselor/advisor provided the information requested, including his/her signature, phone number and e-mail address? This information **MUST** be enclosed.
- Have you enclosed at **TWO** letters of recommendation?
- Have you answered all questions completely? (Failure to do so may delay the processing of your application.)
- Are the pages in order? Your personal Statement should follow page five followed by the letters of recommendation. Official College Transcripts should complete the package as the last page(s)
- Have you correctly addressed the mailing envelope to the following address?

**Texas Student Housing Authority
3 Village Circle, Suite 207
Westlake, TX 76262**

If you have any questions, call 817-490-5744 or e-mail TSHA@westlake-tx.org

**DOUBLE CHECK YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE!
PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SUBMIT
ALL ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME.**