

CHAPTER 103 - SCHOLARSHIPS ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to III(10)(j) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **PURPOSE.** This Title shall establish for annual disbursement by the Student Government scholarships, which are the Student Government scholarship and the University Bookstore/Student Government scholarship and shall outline the criteria for applicants, along with the procedures for selecting which applicants shall receive the award.
- §3 **EXECUTION.** The Finance Commission shall review and select which applicants will receive the scholarship award pursuant to its powers in S.G.C. V. §105.2 of the Student Government Code.
- (a) The Student Government advisors will serve as ex-officio members when the Finance Commission is reviewing applications.
 - (b) This chapter may not be amended six (6) weeks prior to the opening of the application or during the application receipt and deliberation process.
- §4 **RESTRICTIONS FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT.** Members of Student Government, who meet the established criteria, shall be eligible for either scholarship ~~but any members of the Finance Commission who apply will not be allowed to review the applicants' information or make any decisions on the applicants' award status.~~ *(reference S.G.C. VII. §400.2 for Supreme Court Order)*
- §5 **PRESIDENTIAL POWERS.** The President may, if funds awarded by the Finance Commission are returned or otherwise not claimed or applied, award said funds to other qualified applicants from the original pool of applications.
- §6 **COMMISSION DISCRETION.** The Finance Commission is empowered to make decisions in the event this title does not address issues that arise during the scholarship process, with approval of the President.
- §7 **TIMELINE.** The following timeline shall establish the proper processing of the applications:
- (a) The applications for both scholarships shall be made public no later than February 1st and shall accept applications until the first Friday of March, of each year.
 - (b) The Dean of Students Office will verify scholarship eligibility.

- (c) The Finance Commission shall meet as often as necessary to select the final award recipients.
- (d) The Finance Commission shall provide the Dean of Students Office with a list of awarded applicants and denied applicants no later than April 25.

§8 **APPLICATION.** The scholarship application should require the following information:

- (a) Name, Student ID, local address, email address.
- (b) Current employer information.
- (c) Classification.
- (d) Current Texas State GPA.
- (e) If the applicant has completed two full semesters at Texas State University
- (f) Major and Minor.
- (g) Organization affiliation.
 - (1) Details to membership status including active or inactive, member, and leadership positions held.
- (h) Projected graduation date.
- (i) If the applicant is a member of Student Government.
- (j) If the applicant is receiving financial aid grants or scholarships.

ARTICLE II. STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

§1 **UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for undergraduate students applying for the Student Government Scholarship shall be:

- (a) Is classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior.
- (b) Is considered a full time student by Texas State University according to their degree program.
- (c) Have a minimum 2.5 Texas State GPA.
- (d) Have attended Texas State University for two long semesters prior to applying for the scholarship.
- (e) Not receive any need-based grants. Loans, scholarships, and work study are forms of financial aid that applicants may be receiving.
- (f) Submit a resume.
- (g) Be a member in social or academic organization.

- §2 **GRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for graduate students applying for the Student Government scholarship shall be:
- (a) Must be enrolled as a full time graduate student as defined by Texas State University or graduate degree program.
 - (b) Have a minimum 3.0 Texas State GPA.
 - (c) Submit a resume.
 - (d) Preference shall be given to those graduate students who are members of academic or social organizations, but failure to have such membership shall not automatically disqualify an applicant.
 - (e) Not receive any need-based grants. Loans, scholarships and work study are forms of financial aid that applicants may be receiving.

§3 **ESSAY REQUIREMENT.** Completion of an essay shall be required for all applicants, the essay question shall be: “What value has Texas State added to your life? Please explain by referring to your academic, professional and extracurricular activities.” The essay should be no longer than four hundred (400) words.

§4 **DISCRETIONARY POWERS.** The Finance Commission is authorized to award no less than \$500 and no more than \$2000 per scholarship recipient, depending on availability of funds.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE/STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- §1 **UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for undergraduate students applying for the University Bookstore/Student Government Scholarship shall be:
- (a) Have a minimum 2.5 Texas State GPA.
 - (b) Have been enrolled as a full time student at Texas State for two (2) long semesters before applying.
 - (c) Correspondence and extension course hours are not used to calculate total hours.

- §2 **GRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for graduate students applying for the University Bookstore/Student Government Scholarship shall be:
- (a) Have a minimum 3.0 Texas State GPA.
 - (b) Have been enrolled as a full time student at Texas State for two (2) long semesters before applying.

- (c) Correspondence and extension course hours are not used to calculate total hours.

ARTICLE IV. SUNSET PROVISION

§1 **INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.** In the event that the funds allocated for the University Bookstore/Student Government scholarship and Student Government scholarship become unavailable this chapter shall be suspended until such time as those funds become available again.