The Department of Modern Languages offers a biennial scholarship, Thomas L. and Helen E. Cox Endowed Scholarship, to the most qualified student majoring in French, German, or Spanish. The scholarship is not a need-based scholarship and may be applied to tuition and fees at Texas State University or to a study abroad program sponsored by Texas State University. Recipients of the scholarship are not excluded from applying in following years.

Applications for this scholarship are accepted only in the spring of odd years (2013, 2015, etc.).

The department’s scholarship committee has established the following policies and procedures.

I. Selection Criteria

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must have a declared major in French, German, or Spanish

2. Entering freshmen must have graduated in the upper third of their high school graduating class.

3. Currently enrolled Texas State students and transfer students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

4. Preference will be given to qualified candidates in the following order of preference:

   a. Native-born Texan (provide proof)
   b. Texas resident (provide proof)
   c. Child of a US military or former US military parent, or a student enrolled in ROTC (provide proof)
   d. All other candidates

Other evidence may include department, university, or community activities related to the student’s major.

II. Application Procedures

Applicants submit:

1. a cover letter and a 500 word essay describing the role their foreign language major has played or will play in their academic career.
(Applicants must include a statement whether they are related by blood or marriage to any member of the Texas State System Board of Regents (see list at http://www.tsus.edu/regents/index.html). A student who is related to a current member of the Board of Regents is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless the scholarship is awarded exclusively on academic merit or is an athletic scholarship. It is a Class B misdemeanor to file a false statement.

2. a résumé,

3. an unofficial current Texas State transcript

4. photocopies of evidence (birth certificate, passport, driver's license, proof of military service, etc.) to support, where appropriate, statements related to the selection criteria (above)

5. two letters of recommendation from faculty familiar with their academic work.

The top two or three candidates will have a 15-30 minute interview with the Department’s Scholarship Committee.

The application package is to be submitted to the Department of Modern Languages, 214 Centennial Hall, Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Competition officially opens in mid January, and the deadline for submission of the application is mid February (specific dates to be announced each year).