



## ***Fernando Gomez Scholarship Program***

### **Program Overview**

The Texas State University System Foundation (Foundation) established the ***Fernando Gomez Scholarship Program*** to provide financial assistance to Hispanic undergraduate students planning to attend law school. The scholarship honors TSUS Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Emeritus Dr. Fernando Gomez, who retired in 2020 after three decades of service to the university system. Through this program, students in any baccalaureate degree program at any TSUS component institution may receive financial assistance to help complete their undergraduate degrees.

### **Criteria for Candidates**

- The candidate must be a Hispanic, undergraduate student currently enrolled at a TSUS component institution.
- The candidate must have completed 60 student credits hours of coursework and maintain good academic standing at the institution.
- The candidate must be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of the state of Texas.
- The candidate must not have previously received the scholarship.
- The candidate must submit a short essay, no longer than 800 words, on why they are interested in pursuing a law degree and being part of the legal profession.

### **Application Process**

- Scholarship guidelines shall be posted on each four-year institution's financial aid website at the beginning of each academic year.
- Screened, qualified applications from each TSUS institution shall be emailed to the Foundation Executive Director no later than January 1st each year.
- Based on the eligibility, essay quality, and achievement record of the candidates, a Selection Committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Vice Chancellor/General Counsel, and TSUS Foundation Executive Director shall recommend the most qualified applicant(s) to the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors prior to the board's regular February meeting each year.
- The Board of Directors shall approve or disapprove the Committee's selections during its regular February meeting.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Successful candidate(s) will receive a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to pay for tuition, fees, living expenses, and/or educational materials.

- The scholarship will be credited to the student's financial account at the TSUS component institution.
- The number of scholarships will be determined annually by the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors.

**Deadlines**

Component Institution: Applications, screened for financial need, preparation, and interest, shall be emailed to the Foundation Executive Director no later than **January 1st** each year. Applications shall include the student's academic transcript and essay.

Selection Committee: The Selection Committee shall evaluate the applications and recommend the most qualified candidate(s) to the TSUS Foundation Board of Directors prior to the **February** board meeting.

TSUS Foundation Board: The Board shall approve or disapprove the Committee's recommendations during its regular February meeting. The Foundation Executive Director will inform each selectee's financial aid office by **March 1st** each year.