



## **Valley Scholars Program**

The Valley Scholars Program of South Texas College (STC) was established in 1997 to recognize and promote academic excellence by providing financial assistance, academic support services, mentoring, and leadership development. The program provides a foundation that empowers students to excel in their academic achievements and to become leaders that will make significant contributions to their communities.

Students in the Valley Scholars Program participate in the STC Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The scholarships are contingent on students being enrolled at the college on a full-time basis, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.25, and participating in scholastic and leadership activities.

Completed applications for the program must be received by the Academic Excellence Office by the required postmark deadline date. Potential participants who meet the program requirements will have their application evaluated by the Valley Scholars Evaluation Committee. The selection process focuses on a review of an applicant's leadership qualities, community involvement and other personal traits which demonstrate motivation and potential with regard to future academic success and career goals. Upon approval by the committee, each participant will receive a letter of acceptance with information regarding the Valley Scholars Orientation.

**Postmark Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

**Extended Postmark Deadline: Friday, July 23, 2010**

### **The application packet must include the following:**

- A completed Valley Scholars Program Application, including essay and academic resume.
- An unofficial high school and college transcript.
- A letter of recommendation from a professional or personal reference on company letterhead. The letter should provide a good perspective of academic success, leadership skills, and community involvement. Please list reference on page 3.
- A copy of Texas Success Initiative (TSI) completion test scores or TSI exemption.
- A copy of a current Financial Aid Student Analysis Report (SAR).



**Valley Scholars Program Application  
Fall 2010**

*Return completed application to:*  
South Texas College  
Valley Scholars Program  
P.O. Box 9701  
McAllen, TX 78502-9701

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major at South Texas College: \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographics (Optional)**

Are you a first generation college student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for Financial Aid? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Family Income: ( ) Below 18, 000 ( ) 19,000 – 25,000 ( ) Above 25,000

List your parents' full names:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you living with your parent(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

One parent \_\_\_\_\_ Both parents \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay and Academic Resume

Please attach the following essays with your name in the upper right-hand corner. Submit the essay (typed, double spaced) and academic resume in a separate word document.

1. A detailed essay, two page requirement, describing:

- Academic strengths and challenges
- Work experience
- Your reasons for applying for this scholarship. (Provide any additional information that you feel would assist the scholarship committee in evaluating your application. Please include any special needs your family may have, if you feel they are contributing factors.)
- Your proposed field of study, short and long term educational goals and future career plans.

2. An academic resume, one page requirement, describing:

- Academic background
- Community service involvement
- Honors/Awards
- Extra curricular activities
- Scholarships
- Hobbies/Interest

## Reference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Transfer Partnership

Please check the following box if you are interested in the transfer plan with The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center of Medicine, Partnership for Primary Care Program.

## Signature Verification

**I affirm the information provided is correct and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation in this packet will disqualify me from consideration as a Valley Scholar Program participant. My signature below certifies my voluntary submission of this application. If requested, I also agree to be interviewed by the evaluation committee.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Valley Scholars Program Contact Information**

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: (956) 872-6440

Location: STC Pecan Campus, Ann Richards Administration Building, Room X-105

Website: [www.southtexascollege.edu/valleyscholars](http://www.southtexascollege.edu/valleyscholars)

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