



Valley Scholars Program Scholarship

The Valley Scholars Program of South Texas College (STC) was established in 1997 through a partnership between the College and members of the local community to provide financial support, educational opportunities and mentoring to academically talented students who graduate within the top 10% of their high school graduating class. The program seeks to identify students who will also make significant contributions to their communities.

Students in the Valley Scholars Program participate in priority registration and the STC Honors Program. The scholarships are contingent on students being enrolled at the college on a full time basis, maintaining a GPA of 3.25 each semester, 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 excellence. Upon approval by the committee, each participant will receive a letter of acceptance with information regarding a mandatory Valley Scholars Orientation.

Postmark Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2008

The application packet must include the following:

- A completed Valley Scholars Application.
- An unofficial high school and college transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation from non-relative professional references. Letters should provide a good perspective of academic success, leadership abilities and community involvement. Letters should be on professional letterhead.
- 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 Scholarship Application
2008-2009**

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: _____

Essays

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

1. A brief autobiography, minimum one page, describing:

- Academic strengths and challenges
- Work experience
- Career objectives

2. A detailed statement of intent, minimum two pages, describing:

- 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

3. An academic resume, minimum one page, describing:

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

References

Name _____ Relationship _____

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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 participant. My signature below certifies my voluntary submission of this application. If requested, I also agree to be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

Signature

Date

Valley Scholars Program Contact Information

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

Phone: (956) 872-2621

Location: STC Pecan Campus, Building X, Room 105

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