



Blinn College

Texas - STEM Challenge Scholarship

T-STEM Scholarships at Blinn College were made possible from a grant provided to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) from the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation. T-STEM Scholarships are merit scholarships, based on past and continued student performance in specific T-STEM instructional programs.

What is its Purpose?

T-STEM scholarships recruit students into much-needed STEM disciplines by providing financial assistance as they earn their degree.

Who is Qualified?

T-STEM scholarships are merit scholarships, based on past and continued student performance in specific instructional programs. To receive an initial (first-year) T-STEM scholarship, a student must:

- Have graduated from high school with at least a 3.0 GPA on a four-point scale in mathematics and sciences courses;
- Be enrolled at the applicant institution and self-declared in a T-STEM Instructional Program (preference will be given to full-time students);
- Limit the number of hours worked in his/her chosen instructional program area or related field, or for a T-STEM business/industry partner, to no more than 15 hours per week; and
- If male, have a statement on file with the applicant institution indicating that the student is registered with the Selective Service System as required by federal law or is exempted from Selective Service registration under federal law.

Can I Renew?

To receive a continuing (second-year) scholarship after receiving an initial (first-year) scholarship, a student must:

- Remain enrolled in a T-STEM instructional program at Blinn College;
- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale;
- Have completed at least 80 percent of all semester credit hours attempted for each semester during the prior academic year;
- Have completed at least 30 semester credit hours within the prior year (fall, spring, and summer semesters or equivalent), as calculated in keeping with institutional policies;
- If male, have a statement on file with the applicant institution indicating that the student is registered with the Selective Service System as required by federal law or is exempted from Selective Service registration under federal law.

How Do I Apply?

To be considered for a Blinn College T-STEM Scholarship, the following documentation must be provided to the Blinn College Office of Financial Aid:

- Completed application (www.blinn.edu/finaid/scholar.html)
- Final high school transcript showing a minimum 3.0 GPA in math and sciences courses (to be verified)**

How Much Will I Receive?

Students may be awarded up to \$1250 per semester each year they are eligible. The maximum amount a student may receive per academic year is \$2500. A student may apply for a maximum of two years (four semesters; \$5000 max) as long they meet the criteria listed above for renewal. Due to a change in funding, awarded amounts may be less than \$1250 per semester.

What if I plan to transfer to a four-year institution and my major of choice is not offered at Blinn College even though I believe it to be a STEM Instructional Program?

Refer to the T-STEM Scholarship guidelines posted on the College's web site. A complete list of eligible instructional programs are provided along with recommended major fields of instruction to select from at Blinn College.

* Through Apply Texas, incoming Blinn students may choose any of the following eligible majors:

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| ▪ Academic | ▪ Technical |
| ○ Biology | ○ Computer Information Technology Administrator |
| ○ Chemistry | ○ Health Information Technology |
| ○ Computer Science | ○ Microsoft Specialist |
| ○ Geology | ○ Pre-Dental Hygiene |
| ○ Mathematics | ○ Pre-EMS |
| ○ Physics | ○ Pre-Physical Therapy Assistant |
| ○ Pre-Engineering | ○ Pre-Radiologic Technology |

*** High school seniors may submit the most recent up-to-date transcript to determine eligibility.
Award contingent on verification of the final transcript.*