

Blinn College

TEXAS - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS T - STEM Challenge Scholarship Application Form 2018-2019

DUE: Rolling deadline until all remaining T-STEM funds are expended.

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. Due to a change in funding, award amounts may be less than \$1,250/semester and may only be offered for one semester. Renewal students have priority. Initial applicants who are eligible and awarded will not have an opportunity to reapply for renewal.

Eligible Students receiving a first-time (initial) Blinn College T-STEM Scholarship must:

- ✓ have graduated from high school with a least a 3.0 GPA on a four-point scale in mathematics and science courses;
- ✓ be enrolled at or planning to enroll at Blinn College and self-declared in a T-STEM* instructional program; (*See Scholarship Guidelines for a detailed listing of eligible programs). Preference will be given to students who are enrolled full-time.
- ✓ agree to work no more than 15 hours a week in their chosen instructional program area or related field, or for a business participating in the T-STEM Scholarship Program; and
- ✓ have a statement on file with Blinn College 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.

To qualify for a *renewal* of scholarship funds under the T-STEM program, a student must:

- ✓ remain in a T-STEM instructional program;
- ✓ maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.0;
- ✓ complete at least 80% of all attempted credit hours in each semester to retain his/her T-STEM Scholarship for the following semester;
- ✓ complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours within a year (fall, spring, and summer semesters or equivalent); and
- ✓ work no more than 15 hours a week in their chosen instructional program area or related field, or for a business participating in the T-STEM Scholarship Program.

For consideration of a T-STEM Scholarship, the following documentation must be provided to the Blinn College Office of Financial Aid: Completed Application and a Final High School Transcript (initial scholarship applicants only) showing a minimum 3.0 in Math and Sciences Courses (to be verified).

Submit completed documents with attachments through mail, e-mail, or by fax to:
Blinn College Financial Aid Office
902 College Ave.
Brenham, Texas 77833
scholarships@blinn.edu
FAX: (979) 830-4149

Questions:
Michelle R. McGehee
Call: (979) 209-7378
Email (preferred): michelle.mcgehee@blinn.edu

For Internal Use Only Campus _____ Major _____ CIP _____ GPA _____ HS/C

Prior Att. CR _____ Prior Ear. CR _____ % Comp. _____ Sel. Serv. _____

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Please Check Your Status: INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT
If renewing, in which semester(s) did you receive the initial award? _____

Part 1. Personal and Contact Information

Both Initial and Renewal applicants must complete this portion.

1. Social Security Number _____ 2. Date of birth _____

3. Full name _____

4. Permanent address and phone

Address _____ Apt# _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

5. Gender: Male Female

If male, and between the ages of 18 to 25, do you have a statement on file at Blinn College indicating that you are registered with the Selective Service as required by federal law or are exempted from Selective Service registration under federal law?

Yes No Not Required to Register (Over the Age of 25)

If no, *attach proof of registration if you have not already provided documentation to the Financial Aid Office or completed the FAFSA.*

6. U.S. Citizen? Yes No

7. Have you applied and been accepted to Blinn College? Yes No

If yes, Blinn ID# _____

8. Current Address and Phone (if different from above)

Address _____ Apt# _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

9. Email address _____

Part 2. Educational Information

Initial T-STEM scholarship applicants, please complete this entire section. Renewal applicants, please complete only questions 12-15.

10. From what high school did you graduate? _____

Location of high school: _____
City State

If you did not graduate from high school, do you have a GED? Yes No

11. What was your Math/Science semester average (100 point scale) from high school? _____
(A high school transcript **MUST** be attached to this application, sent, or on file at Blinn College before your application can be evaluated. High school seniors may submit their most recent transcript to determine eligibility, but a *final* transcript is required for confirmation of Math/Science GPA before an award can be granted.)

12. Briefly state your career goal: _____

13. What major* or area of concentration do you ultimately plan to pursue in college?

*Only those students that have declared a major (at Blinn College) in one of the qualifying STEM fields are eligible to receive an award. See Blinn's T-STEM Scholarship Information for recommendations on selecting a STEM major here at Blinn College relating to your career goals in a STEM field.

14. Do you plan to pursue \geq 30 Hours* of College Credit at Blinn College? ___ Yes ___ No

* Acceptance of this award verifies your agreement to attempt at least 30 CR Hours during the academic year. Students completing college credit hours at another institution as a part of the 30 hours will be required to submit a transcript at the end of each semester.

15. Which of the following is your plan?

- _____ Certificate (for employment)
- _____ AA or AS Degree
- _____ Transfer to 4-year college/university*

*If your goal is to transfer to a 4-year college or university prior to completing an associate's degree, would you be willing to participate in our reverse transfer graduation program by agreeing to have your transcripts sent back to Blinn College once you have fulfilled the requirements for graduation? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please sign here: _____

Part 3. Employment Information

Both Initial and Renewal applicants must complete this portion and the remaining application.

16. Are you currently employed? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please describe your job(s) and number of hours per week you work.*

17. Will you continue to work while taking courses at Blinn College? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, where and how many hours? _____

*Recipients of this award agree to work no more than 15 hours a week *in their chosen instructional program area or related field, or for a business participating in the T-STEM Scholarship Program.*

Document Check List:

___ Completed Application (Did you check the box for initial or renewal applicant on the first page?)

___ Final High School Transcript* (Please indicate: ___ attached ___ on file at Blinn)

___ If Male, Selective Service Documentation (Please indicate: ___ attached ___ on file at Blinn)

___ Completed Statement of Student Eligibility as stated under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code.

(Located at the end of this document)

* High School Seniors may submit their most recent high school transcript to determine eligibility, but a *final* transcript is required for confirmation of Math/Science GPA before an award can be granted.

18. Certification Statement

I certify that this information contained within this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the BC T-STEM Admissions Committee to review my academic record as submitted to Blinn College.

I further agree to provide Blinn College any academic or employment information as requested for reporting purposes. I understand that this information may be requested after I leave Blinn College.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Statement of Student Eligibility

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under the law of another jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481 Health and Safety Code.

____ NO ____ YES*

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that if I fail to provide accurate information, I may be required to reimburse the institution and penalties may be imposed. **I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the institution that I am attending of any changes to my status in the future.**

Student Signature

Date

*If your answer is YES, contact the financial aid office to determine your eligibility to receive a TEXAS Grant or Texas Educational Opportunity Grant.

**** THIS STATEMENT MUST SIGNED AND TURNED IN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD ****

Reference: Statutory Program Restrictions

The statutory restrictions of the programs are identical. A person is not eligible to receive initial or a continuation grant...“
...if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substance Act), or under the law of another jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, , unless the person has met the other applicable eligibility requirement under this subchapter and has:

- (1) Received a certificate of discharge by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or a correctional facility or completed a period of probation ordered by a court, and at least two years have elapsed from the date of receipt or completion; or
- (2) Been pardoned, had the record of the offense expunged from the person’s record, or otherwise has been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.”

Citations:

TEXAS Grant initial awards	TEC 56.304(b)	renewal awards	TEC56.305(b)
TEXAS initial awards	TEC 56.404(b)	renewal awards	TEC54.405(b)