

## RGV LEAD ANNOUNCES THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The RGV LEAD Scholarship is for \$5,000 to be paid out over a two-year period. Continuation funding for this scholarship is contingent on compliance with performance requirements explained to the scholarship recipient in written communication provided by RGV LEAD. Any questions regarding requirements should be directed to RGV LEAD, and responses will be provided by a representative of RGV LEAD. The decision of RGV LEAD's Director is final.

The scholarship recipient may be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the RGV LEAD Board. In addition, the recipient may also be honored during a ceremony at his/her high school and may have his/her picture featured in RGV LEAD and/or local publications.

An electronic copy of the scholarship application packet may be downloaded at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9n6qdlv>

### **Important Information:**

**Application deadline is February 22, 2019 by 4:00 P.M. (no exceptions). Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications, late applications, and/or applications that do not meet stated eligibility criteria and other requirements will not be considered.**

### Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must be a high school student who graduated as an RGV LEAD Scholar after the Fall 2018 semester or will graduate at the end of the Spring 2019 semester.

The applicant must have graduated from, or be preparing to graduate from, the high school portion of a college-and-career-preparatory program of study that includes one or more career and technical education courses for college credit (articulated credit or dual credit).

The applicant must have participated in a work-based learning experience; for example:

- an industry speaker's presentation to the student's class (as in a career day)
- a career fair (for example, the Education & Career EXPO)
- a field trip to an employer's place of business or a Careers in Industries presentation
- job-shadowing
- mentoring (e.g., RGV Mentors)
- an internship or apprenticeship
- a job, co-op class, etc.



Application Packet Requirements: Application packet must be complete, typed, and in order, as follows:

- Scholarship Application Cover Page (use the form enclosed in this packet).
- Two separate letters of reference (In addition to the form enclosed in this packet, a letter of recommendation may be attached.)
  - a. One letter from school personnel
  - b. One letter from a personal reference (church leader, employer, family friend, Scout leader, etc.--not a family member or school personnel)
- College and Career Essay (Attach the essay cover page enclosed in this packet to the essay)
- Copy of High School Transcript reflecting a college-and-career-preparatory program of study that includes one or more career and technical education courses completed for college credit (articulated credit or dual credit)

Submission Instructions:

Hand delivered applications must be RECEIVED by **Friday, February 22, 2019** no later than **4:00 P.M.** Mailed applications must be post-marked by Friday, February 22, 2019. Applications must be delivered or mailed to the following address. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

RGV LEAD

**Attention: Marketing and Awards Committee**

TSTC Support Services Building,  
Suite 110 1902 North Loop 499  
Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697

(Click on the link for "map at this address" <http://www.tstc.edu/campuses/harlingen>)

Essay Instructions:

The Applicant's essay must be typed, well-written, and organized and must address the following questions. Essays may be a maximum of two doubled-spaced typed pages in length, using 12-point font. The applicant must complete the attached essay cover page and attach it to the essay. RGV LEAD recommends that applicant have a counselor or teacher review the application prior to submittal.

1. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today? Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?
2. Are you planning to enroll in a college or university program related to the high school major (field of study) in which you were enrolled at the time you graduated from high school? Why or why not?
3. Have you earned any industry certifications? If "yes," what certifications did you earn?
4. Describe one work-related experience (see application cover page) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.
5. Name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.

# Essay Cover Page:

ATTACH ESSAY TO THIS PAGE

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

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

Street

City

State

Zip

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

Name and Phone Number of Another Individual Who Knows How to Contact the Applicant:

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School District and High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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2018-2019 SENIORS**

RGV LEAD STAFF'S NOTES:

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Time Received:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Please type all information.**
- 2. Completed applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, February 22, 2019 at 4 P.M.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                                            First                                                            Middle                                                            Last

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                                            Street                                                            City                                                            State                                                            Zip

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School District and High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School "Major"/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Employment History. Please include company name, position held, and employment dates. If no employment history, applicant may include Internships; Certifications; job shadowing; or other employment related experience(s).

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement:** I understand that (1) this application and all attachments will be reviewed by RGV LEAD staff and committee members; (2) I may be asked to participate in an awards ceremony honoring scholarship recipients; (3) my application will be kept confidential; and (4) any and all records of the RGV LEAD scholarship program, which includes my application and all attachments, could be made available to the Internal Revenue Service.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Applicant /Date

School Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Principal or Counselor or / Date  
Career and Technical Education Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian (if under age 18) Date



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Recommendation (Submit TWO Recommendations—One School and One Personal  
**(NOTE: Personal Recommendation should be from someone who is not employed at the school. Also, personal recommendation may not be from a family member, but should be from someone who has personal experience with the applicant, such as a supervisor at a job or a place where student has been a volunteer, a church leader, a Scout leader, etc.)**)

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Recommendation (check only one):       School                       Personal

TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL GIVING RECOMMENDATION: Please do these things:

1. Fill in the information about yourself.
2. Place a checkmark in one box for the level of each quality you believe best represents the applicant.
3. Answer the question below the table.
4. Verify your answers by signing at the bottom of the form.

Name of Recommender (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How You Know the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Intellectual Ability					
Leadership Ability					
Academic Preparation					
Interpersonal Skills					
Willingness to Learn					
Maturity					
Initiative					
Responsibility					
Dependability					
Attention to Detail					
Honesty and Integrity					
Motivation					

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for a RGV LEAD Scholarship? (Attach additional page if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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