

## Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

**Due date:** March 15, 2012

**Amount:** Varies (up to \$10,000)

**Organization:** Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Website address:** <http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=8FB593C7-EE1E-7872-00A8808886543AEE>

**Download application:** [www.hhloans.com](http://www.hhloans.com)

**Address:**

**Telephone:** 1-800-242-3062

**Email:** <https://www1.theccb.state.tx.us/HHLoans/comments/default.cfm?Topic=1>

**Fax:**

**Qualifications:** The purpose of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the governor and the lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional scholarship.

Selected students must meet two of the following four academic criteria:

- Is on track to graduate or graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB)
- A high school GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1590) or ACT (23)
- Ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class

Students must:

- Be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, state senator or state representative
- Enroll in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- Agree to:
  - Complete four years of ROTC training
  - Graduate no later than six years after the date first enrolled
  - After graduation, enter into:

- A four year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine; or
- Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States
- Repay the scholarship if the requirements are not met
- Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution

A scholarship will become a loan if the student fails to:

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Fulfill any terms of the terms of the scholarship
- Fulfill a four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine; or
- Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States

**Other Documents Needed:** You will need to be selected by a Texas Senator or Representative or the Lieutenant Governor or Governor. If you are interested in this program and you feel you meet the program requirements, you should contact your legislator for more information. Students may locate their legislator by visiting this link:

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>. The Lt. Governor's office may be reached at (512) 463-0001. To contact the Governor's office, a student may call the Appointments Office at (512) 463-1828 or visit the office's web page at: <http://governor.state.tx.us/appointments/>.

- Once selected, you will receive a Notice of Selection.
- Once you decide upon the higher education institution and corresponding ROTC program in which you will enroll, you will take your Notice of Selection to the institution's financial aid office.
- The financial aid office will certify your program eligibility to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Because program eligibility requirements include that you be enrolled in the institution and in the ROTC program at that institution, the financial aid office cannot provide their eligibility certification before those two criteria are met.
- Once the Higher Education Coordinating Board receives the institution's eligibility certification, you will receive an email requesting you to complete your Texas Armed Services Scholarship application online at [www.hhloans.com](http://www.hhloans.com).

**GPA:** 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)

**Gender:** Either

**Ethnicity:** Any

**School:** Any in Texas

**Requires School Committee/Nomination:** No (but requires government nomination)