



East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

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East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Scholarship Program

The East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind (ETLB) Scholarship Program is a special program established by the ETLB Board of Directors in 2009. The program is funded by Horizon Industries, the manufacturing division of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind which employs people who are blind or severely visually impaired.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide scholarship assistance to eligible blind persons and their dependents as defined by the Internal Revenue Service who are residents of the 46 counties of East Texas enrolled or seeking enrollment in regionally accredited post-secondary institutions.

The ETLB scholarship program may cover the cost of tuition, books and mileage. Funds may be used for attendance at a fully regionally-accredited institution of higher education, or to any professionally-accredited, post-secondary vocational training program. TSI-status for technical/ vocational programs is determined by the admission standards of the particular institution. Scores from THEA or a state recognized qualifying examination may be submitted.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

1. Legally blind or a qualified dependent.
2. A resident of Texas.
3. Attend an accredited college or university in Texas.
4. Provide documentation of meeting all of the admission requirements of the chosen school.

Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Application due June 30
 - Transcript due July 31

- **Spring Semester**
 - Application due November 15
 - Transcript due December 31

- **Summer Semester**
 - Application due April 15
 - Transcript due May 30

**East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

DATE _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print or type all requested information. If you need additional space, you may attach extra sheets, and refer to the item number on this application form.

Student Information:

1. Full Legal Name: _____

2. Mailing address: _____

3. City/State/Zip: _____

4. County of Residence: _____

5. Home Phone: _____

6. Cell/Alternate Phone: _____

7. e-Mail Address: _____

8. 9. Date of Birth: _____

10. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must complete the following information:

a. Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

b. Phone Number of Parent/Guardian: _____

c. Alternate Phone Number of Parent/Guardian: _____

d. e-Mail Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

e. Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

11. If you are a family member of a person who is blind, please provide the person's name, and relationship. _____

12. What is your highest educational attainment? _____

13. What is your grade point average? _____

14. Which institution do you wish to attend? _____

15. How many semester credit hours are you considering taking each semester of the coming academic year? _____

16. What is your proposed field of study? _____

17. Are you employed? Yes No

a. If yes, state where: _____

18. In the space below, state in 300 words or less how this scholarship will benefit you or your family.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Submit the following documentation with the application:

- Proof of residency in the state of Texas: A copy of a current voter registration certificate or picture ID will qualify.
- Proof of blindness or visual acuity of student. A copy of an eye exam or letter from a physician stating level of blindness is acceptable.
- Proof of qualifying relationship to a blind person if the applicant is sighted. A signed letter confirming the relationship with a copy of an eye exam or letter from a physician stating level of blindness is acceptable.
- A high school or college transcript, whichever is the most recent or copy of your General Educational Development (GED) certificate
- Copy of scores on a state recognized qualifying examination, such as THEA, ACT or SAT report.
- One letter of reference from a person not related to the applicant. Examples include letters from vocational counselors, high school or college counselors or academic advisors, and teachers will be accepted.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Send complete application and all documents to:

Email: scholarships@tylerlighthouse.org

Fax: 903.595.6463

Mail: Scholarships

East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

727 E. Front Street Ste.2

Tyler, TX 75702

For more information email scholarships@tylerlighthouse.org, or call 1-888-565-ETLB