

**Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.**  
**ANNOUNCES THE TENTH ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE**  
**DR. LAURO F. CAVAZOS TECH PREP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship Competition for 2007-2008 High School Seniors  
For Studies Beginning in the 2008-2009 Academic Year

**REVISED APPLICATION: ISSUED MAY 6, 2008**

### Scholarships Available

- \$3,000 Scholarship for The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

### Important Information

1. Through a series of circumstances, one of the scholarships that was awarded during an earlier competition has become available again. Therefore, this revised application is issued for students who wish to enroll at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.
2. Applicants are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to have their counselors or teachers review applications before submitting them. Counselors/teachers should review to be sure that applicants have fully complied with instructions. Applications for which applicants have not followed instructions will not be considered.
3. The scholarship awarded by a The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College is subject to the rules of UTB/TSC. Generally the requirements are that the student to remain in good academic standing and to be enrolled as a full-time student. The student who receives the scholarship will be given the name of a contact in the UTB/TSC Financial Aid office. This Financial Aid contact will explain the rules applicable to the scholarship for UTB/TSC.
4. The following information is available through Tech Prep RGV's website or by contacting the Tech Prep office at 956.364.4509 or 1.800.852.8784 ext. 4509:

Copy of scholarship application: <http://techpreprgv.com/downloads.shtml>

Information about Tech Prep Texas Scholars:  
<http://www.techpreprgv.com/students/texascholars.html>

The schedule of Tech Prep agreements with UTB/TSC can be viewed at this link:

<http://blue.utb.edu/techprep/For%20High%20School%20Students/Links%20to%208%20year%20educational%20plans.htm>

Applicants are counseled to correctly identify the Tech Prep program for which their high school courses give them credit by referring to the above website. Failure to correctly identify the Tech Prep program could disqualify an otherwise excellent application.

5. Applications must be mailed or delivered to this address:  
TECH PREP OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, INC., Attention: Marketing and Awards Committee  
TSTC Tech Prep Building; 1902 North Loop 499; Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697
6. Individual scholarship applications must be RECEIVED by Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 4 p.m.
7. The following applications will not be accepted: (a) late applications; (b) partial applications; and (c) faxed applications.
8. Complete information is contained in the attached application. For additional information, contact Tech Prep at 956.364.4509 or 800.852.8784 ext. 4509.

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\*Please use the forms that are included in this packet. Submit a separate application for each scholarship for which you wish to be considered. Please type or computer-generate ALL information.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

**INFORMATION ON COVER PAGE INCORPORATED:** Applicants must read all of the information contained on the cover page of this scholarship announcement. Any questions should be discussed with a trusted adult: a teacher, a counselor, an administrator, a parent, or a mentor.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Eligible applicants are high school graduates who graduated as Tech Prep Texas Scholars after the fall semester 2007 or who will graduate as Tech Prep Texas Scholars at the end of the spring semester 2008. Applications for students who do not meet the selection criteria will not be considered.

### **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION:**

Applications must be RECEIVED by the date and time, and at the location, specified below:

Date and Time: 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008  
Location: Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.  
Attn.: Marketing and Awards Committee  
TSTC Tech Prep Building  
1902 North Loop 499  
Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697

**Applicants are strongly encouraged to have a counselor or a teacher review their applications prior to submitting them. Some applications have been disqualified for routine errors (such as not correctly identifying Tech Prep courses [articulated courses and/or dual/concurrent enrollment courses] and Tech Prep programs at colleges), and counselors or teachers should be able to assist applicants with answering these questions correctly. In addition, counselors or teachers should review applications to be sure that applicants have fully complied with instructions. Applications for which applicants have not followed instructions will not be considered.**

Applications must be complete and in order, as follows:

- First: Scholarship Application Cover Page (form enclosed in this package).
- Second: Three separate letters of reference (forms enclosed in this package)--two from school personnel and one from a personal reference who is not a family member
- Third: Tech Prep Career Essay (form enclosed in this package)
- Fourth: Copy of a High School transcript reflecting a Tech Prep program of study

**Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered, but must be received by the stated deadline. Late applications, partial applications, and faxed applications will not be accepted.**

### **RECOGNITION CEREMONY:**

Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the Tech Prep RGV Board later in the year. In addition, applicants may also be honored during ceremonies at their current schools.

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**CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET:**

1. The applicant must be a fall 2007 or spring 2008 Tech Prep Texas Scholar high school graduate.
2. The applicant must have graduated from, or be preparing to graduate from the high school portion of a College Tech Prep program for which there is a plan in place with Texas Southmost College. These programs are as follows:
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Drafting Technology-*articulates into*-BAAS Liberal Arts
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Office Specialist-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Accounting Technology-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Child Care and Development-*articulates into*-BAAS Liberal Arts
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Computer Information Systems-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography-*articulates into*-BAAS Liberal Arts
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Emergency Medical Technology-*articulates into*-BAAS Liberal Arts
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS International Business-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Legal Secretarial-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Medical Laboratory Technology-*articulates into*-BAAS Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Business Administrative Software Specialist-*articulates into*-BAT Business
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Electronics Engineering Technology - *articulates into* - BAT Technical Application Training (*pending approval*)
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Radiology-*articulates into*-BAT Health Services Technology
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Respiratory Therapy-*articulates into*-BAT Health Services Technology
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Computer Information Systems-*articulates into*-BAT Computer Information Systems
  - \*8 Year Plan AAS Criminal Justice-*articulates into*-BS Criminal Justice Correctional Administration

The programs of study and courses included in these programs can be viewed at the link referred to on page 1.

3. **The name of the COLLEGE Tech Prep program must appear on the front page of the application.**
4. The applicant should have participated in (or be scheduled to participate in, prior to graduation), a work-based learning experience. Work-based learning experiences include experiences similar to these: an industry speaker's presentation to the student's class (as in a career day or a Texas Scholars presentation); a career fair (e.g., the Education & Career EXPO); a field trip to an employer's place of business; job-shadowing; mentoring; an apprenticeship; an internship, externship, preceptorship, or co-op class; and so forth.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER ESSAYS:**

1. The applicant must submit a two-page essay explaining why he/she chose to pursue graduation honors as a Tech Prep Texas Scholar graduate. This essay should describe the **College** Tech Prep program named on the front page of the application and any other information the applicant believes is relevant (e.g., information about a related career concentration/career major/career pathway chosen by the applicant while he/she was in high school).

2. The essay should include a description of the Tech Prep course(s) in which the student has participated (which may be locally articulated courses, statewide articulated courses, and/or dual/concurrent enrollment courses included in Tech Prep plans developed with local colleges) and should explain the reason that the student does or does not plan to complete the associate degree portion of the College Tech Prep graduation plan after graduating from high school.
3. Since the applicant is applying for a scholarship to UTB/TSC, the applicant should explain why he/she has chosen to pursue post-secondary education at that university.
4. The essay should explain the applicant's career goals, tell why the student has chosen to pursue this career area, and describe the place wherein the applicant sees himself or herself in the workforce ten years from now.
5. The essay should also describe any work-related experiences the applicant may have had in this field.
6. If the applicant's choice of a career field was influenced by someone who is currently in that field, the essay should include an explanation.
7. The essay must be either typewritten or computer-generated.
8. The essay must be no more than **two double-spaced** pages in length using 12-point type.

**Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. TECH PREP STAFF'S NOTES:  
SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR  
2007-2008 SENIORS TO BE USED BEGINNING  
2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

**DR. LAURO F. CAVAZOS TECH PREP SCHOLARSHIPS: APPLICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Please type or computer-generate all information.**
- 2. Completed applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008.**

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

First Middle Last

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

Street City State ZIP

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

College Tech Prep Program Information:

Name of College Tech Prep Program at UTB/TSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Tech Prep Course(s) Included in the High School Component of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Do all Tech Prep courses appear on your attached high school transcript? ~ Yes  No   
If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Extracurricular Activities Including Clubs, Organized Sports, Church Activities, Etc.:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Employment History Including Company Name, Position Held, and Employment Dates:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Agreement: I understand that (1) this application and all attachments will be reviewed by Tech Prep 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 Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., scholarship program, which includes my application and all attachments, could be made available to the Internal Revenue Service.

Signatures:

School Personnel:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Applicant /Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Principal or Counselor or / Date  
CTE Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

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

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Letter of Reference (Submit THREE Letters of Reference—  
Two School and One Personal)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:**

1. Please type or computer-generate all information.
2. Submit three letters--two school references (teacher, counselor, or administrator) and one personal reference who is not a family member (a pastor, doctor, scout leader, etc.).
3. The completed letter of reference form (and attachments, if any) must be included with the application submitted.
4. Applications must be received by the deadline to be considered. See instructions to applicants.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO REFERENCE:**

1. Please describe the student's achievements plus any particular traits or personal qualities that make this student outstanding. Please provide as much information as possible to allow the reviewers to take a closer look at the student. Cite specific examples.
2. If you are a teacher and you have taught the student in a class that is one of the Tech Prep courses (articulated or concurrent/dual courses) included in a College Tech Prep Plan, please tell us about the student's performance in that class.
3. You may type on this form or submit a separate typed reference letter. If you submit a separate letter, please use this page as a cover sheet for that reference letter. If your letter is computer-generated, please use 12-point type.
4. Please limit your letter to two doubled-spaced pages in length.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Reference:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Type of Reference:

School Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship--teacher\*, counselor - please be specific)

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**Tech Prep Career Essay**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTENT OF ESSAYS**

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5. The essay should also describe any work-related experiences the applicant may have had in this field.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMAT OF ESSAYS**

1. The essay must be typewritten or computer-generated.
2. Essays may be a maximum of two doubled-spaced pages in length using 12-point type.
3. Use this form as the cover page for your essay.

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

First Middle Last

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

Street City State ZIP

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**ATTACH YOUR ESSAY TO THIS PAGE,  
FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ABOVE AND IN THE  
"INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS."**

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Applicant No. \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer Instructions: Assign points within the range allowed. For each question, consider the applicant's information submitted on the proposal form. 100 total points are possible.

Mandatory Criterion: Tech Prep High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the student a Tech Prep Texas Scholar high school graduate?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the Scholarship Application Cover Sheet clear as to College Tech Prep program and college?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROCEED WITH BALANCE OF APPLICATION? (The answers to BOTH questions above must be "Yes." If the answer to either question is "No," then this application is not eligible to be considered for the Scholarship.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Academic Performance (15 points)	Range of Points	Points Awarded
Does the student's transcript indicate that he or she has performed well in his or her classes?	0-15	
<b>SECTION TOTAL</b>		

Work-Based Experience (20 points)	Range of Points	Points Awarded
Is the student participating in a work-based experience now, or has the student participated in a work-based experience in the past?  <b>NOTE:</b> A "work-based experience" is one in which the student learns something from a non-school-district person. This could be an industry speaker coming to the student's class (as in a career day or a Texas Scholars presentation) or one of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a field trip, a career fair to an employer's place of business, or job-shadowing (in which the student goes to a business and observes for a short time)</li> <li>• mentoring (the student has a longer relationship with a business person or other community leader in which the leader "mentors" the student)</li> <li>• an internship, an apprenticeship, a co-op, preceptorship, etc.</li> </ul>	0-20	
<b>SECTION TOTAL</b>		

Tech Prep Career Essay (30 points):	Range of Points	Points Awarded
1. Is the essay well written (in terms of saying clearly what it means to say and being grammatically correct)? And is it no more than two pages in length?	0-15	
2. Does the essay address the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Explains why the applicant chose to pursue graduation honors as a Tech Prep Texas Scholar graduate; describes the College Tech Prep program named on the front page of the application and any other information the applicant believes is relevant (e.g., information about a related career concentration/career major/career pathway chosen by the applicant while he/she was in high school).</li> <li>▪ Includes a description of the Tech Prep course(s) in which the student has participated (which may be locally articulated courses, statewide articulated courses, and/or concurrent/dual enrollment courses included in Tech Prep plans developed with local colleges) and explains the reason that the student does or does not plan to complete the associate degree portion of the College Tech Prep graduation plan after graduating from high school.</li> <li>▪ Since the applicant is applying for a scholarship to UTB/TSC, explains why the applicant has chosen to pursue post-secondary education at that university.</li> <li>▪ Explains the applicant's career goals, tells why the applicant has chosen to pursue this career area, and describes the place wherein the applicant sees himself or herself in the workforce ten years from now.</li> <li>▪ Describes any work-related experiences the applicant may have had in this field.</li> </ul>	0-15	
SECTION TOTAL		

<b>References (35 points)</b>	<b>Range of Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Were there two references from school personnel and one personal reference?	0-10	
Did a teacher from a Tech Prep (articulated or concurrent/dual) course write one of the letters of recommendation for the student? If "yes," did the teacher give satisfactory information about the student's participation in the Tech Prep class?	0-10	
Are the references supportive of the student's application? Do they demonstrate an understanding of the student's career goals?	0-15	
<b>SECTION TOTAL</b>		

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Maximum Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
SECTION--Please enter score from each section at right.		
Academic Performance	15	
Work-Based Experience	20	
Career Essay	30	
References	35	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	

**REVIEWER'S COMMENTS (if any):**
