



RIO GRANDE VALLEY BRANCH 2022-2023 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rio Grande Valley Branch of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TPWA-RGV) established the TPWA-RGV Scholarship Fund in 2012. The TPWA-RGV Scholarship was created to provide financial assistance for the higher education of anyone seeking a certificate or degree in the fields of public works (*see attached list for educational tracks/occupations that may be considered under the umbrella of Public Works*).

It is the goal of the Branch to award up to two (2) \$500 Scholarships in 2022-2023.

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements to apply for the TPWA-RGV Scholarship:

- Applicant must be a resident of the State of Texas 12 or more months prior to the date of application and live in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy County.
- Applicant must not be related to any member on the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicant cannot be the recipient of this scholarship in any previous year.

and

Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours) in an undergraduate or (at least 9 hours) higher degree program.

or

Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours) in a technical school working toward a certificate or diploma with an anticipated minimum duration of one year.

or

Applicant must be employed in a full-time position and enrolled as a part-time student (3+ hours) in an undergraduate or higher degree program or a technical school with an anticipated minimum duration of one year for which a certificate or diploma is awarded.

or

A graduating high school senior who will be a full-time student in an undergraduate degree program or a technical school with an anticipated minimum duration of one year for which a certificate or diploma is awarded.

SELECTION

Applicants must:

- (1) Complete the application.
- (2) Submit a letter of no more than two pages, single sided that address the following topics; why the funding is desired and deserved, course of study, career field you are working toward, and why you chose the major and career field and;
- (3.a) Submit a transcript from the most recent school attended **or**
- (3.b) Submit a letter of recommendation from your current or most current employer.



Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of completeness of the application, academic achievement, course of study, career goals, community service and financial need. Interviews may be conducted to facilitate final decision. The weighting of selection criteria will be as follows:

Completeness of the Application	10 points max.
Public Works Career Field	10 points max.
Community Service Experience	15 points max.
Financial Need	15 points max.
Leadership	25 points max.
Academic Achievement/Work Experience	25 points max.

ADMINISTRATION

Applications must be submitted and received via email or mail on or before **April 21, 2023**. The Scholarship Committee will formally present the scholarship awards for approval at the May 2023 branch meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Branch, Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Scholarship funds will be paid to the scholarship recipient upon proof of registration or enrollment to an applicable school of higher education, and certification by the recipient that the eligibility requirements above are met. To request additional information or return the completed application, contact:

TPWA-RGV BRANCH, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: Mario Vela
CITY OF McALLEN, PUBLIC WORKS
4201 N. BENTSEN RD.
McALLEN, TX 78504

EMAIL: mvela@mcallen.net

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 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COVER SHEET

APPLICANT’S NAME

EVALUATION TABLE (FOR USE BY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY)

		<u>SCORE</u>
Completeness of the Application	10 points max.	_____
Public Works Career Field	10 points max.	_____
Community Service Experience	15 points max.	_____
Financial Need	15 points max.	_____
Leadership	25 points max.	_____
Academic Achievement/Work Experience	25 points max.	_____
Applicant Score		_____



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or

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Years lived in Texas _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Total Number of People Living in Household _____

Annual Gross Household Income _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Present Employer _____ Years of Employment _____

Present Position _____

Please List 3 Character References:

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____



EDUCATIONAL DATA / LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACH TRANSCRIPT OF MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED **OR** IF YOU HAVE BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS, SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR CURRENT OR MOST-RECENT EMPLOYER.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE - List scholastic honors, club/organization memberships, religious affiliations, extracurricular activities:

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION

- (1) LETTER OF NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES**, single sided that address the following topics: why the funding is desired and deserved, current or proposed course of study, career field you are working toward, and why you chose the major and career field

- (2) COPY OF TRANSCRIPT FROM THE MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR CURRENT OR MOST-RECENT EMPLOYER.**

I hereby certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the TPWA-RGV Scholarship, that the foregoing information is true and correct and agree if selected as a recipient of the TPWA-RGV Scholarship, the cash received will be used to assist me in attending a college, university, technical school or any special courses as defined by the Scholarship Committee or stated in the eligibility requirements. If the financial assistance awarded me is not used for said purpose, I will return it to the Rio Grande Valley Branch. I also promise to report back to the Scholarship Committee upon the completion of my course work to let them know how I did in my studies.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

MAIL or EMAIL (PDF FORMAT) COMPLETED APPLICATION TO

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**Educational tracks or course of study
related to the Public Works field**

Management and Administration

- Public Administration
- Finance and business
- Accounting
- Computer Science/ Information Technology
- Business Administration
- Political Science
- Economics

Municipal/Infrastructure Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Surveying and Photogrammetry
- Drafting and Design
- GIS
- Visual Arts

Environmental Engineering

- Environmental Science/Engineering
- Sanitary Engineering
- Chemistry/Biology
- Urban Ecology
- Water Resources

Transportation

- Structural Engineering
- Transportation Engineering
- Transportation Planning

Fleet, Public Buildings and Grounds

- Automotive Engineering
- Architecture
- Forestry
- Biology
- Landscape Architecture
- Automotive Mechanics