

2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Recipients of this institutional scholarship are required to:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for need-based consideration.
- Be enrolling as a first-time in college or returning ACCD student with at least 60 cumulative college credit hours attempted in their field of study by transfer date to TAMU in College Station, TX.
- Pursue a transfer program from PAC to TAMU in College Station, TX by Spring 2011.
- Enroll for at least 12 hours (full-time) in college credit courses at PAC.
- Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA (higher for BIMS and Engineering majors).
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as required by Student Financial Services. (REFER TO COLLEGE CATALOG), and not be in default or owe a refund to any other college.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Do I qualify for the PAC/TAMU Science and Math Scholars Program?

Existing PAC students with a 3.00 GPA both overall and in their major (BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS, ENGR, or BIMS) and support courses (BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS, ENGR, or BIMS) also will be considered. An Engineering or BIMS major must have a higher GPA. Your college major must be in one of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math (including Math for Secondary Education), Biomedical Science, or Engineering. Students must also meet Financial Aid Eligibility (see below) and complete and submit a Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Students **MUST** complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours by the beginning of Spring 2011 (inclusive of any credit you earned prior to high school graduation and any summer course work) in order to transfer to TAMU by Spring 2011.

How and when should I apply?

The complete application and accompanying letters of references and any additional paperwork (i.e. transcripts) are due to the Scholarship Selection Committee at Palo Alto College by **November 23, 2009**. The FAFSA form is due to Student Financial Services at PAC by **November 23, 2009**.

How much money is available?

Up to \$10,000 in scholarship funding is available per year per student. The actual amount awarded is based on the amount of unmet financial need after a determination has been made by the respective Scholarships and Financial Aid offices on each campus.

What are Science Scholar recipients required to do?

- 1) Students receiving a Science Scholar award must sign a letter of intent to attend Texas A&M University in College Station at the conclusion of their second year at PAC.
- 2) Recipients must attend a PAC campus orientation event with their parents (before transferring) in order to:
 - A) Discuss the monetary support, goals, and objectives of the grant (at both levels);
 - B) Discuss the scholarship requirements, its expectations, and its responsibilities;
 - C) Familiarize themselves and parents with the PAC campus, its people, and its resources; TAMU people and resources and the grant.
 - D) Assign each student a faculty advisor from his/her field of study – this will be the same faculty member that served on the selection committee; and,
- 3) Science Scholars must complete a set of courses determined by their individual interest, major and advising. All efforts will be made to ensure that students take only courses required for transfer and

for degree requirements at both PAC and Texas A&M. Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA overall as well as within their major and support courses at PAC. In addition, they must have a 2.00 GPA overall and in their major at Texas A&M. Students must be full-time students and complete at least 60 hours at the conclusion of their second year at PAC. Students may not work more than 10 hours per week while attending PAC and are highly encouraged to work on campus (Ms. Wilkins may assist in placement). Students will be required to attend tutorials and meet with teaching faculty and advisors on a regular basis. All prospective students selected for the Science and Math Scholars Program and their parents will be invited to an all-expense-paid trip to College Station. During this trip, students and their parents will be guests of the university and become familiar with the various programs on campus (Residence Life, Multicultural Services, Financial Aid, the libraries, the Student Learning Center, Student Life, the College of Science and its various departments, etc.).

- 4) Recipients must participate in AggieE-folio to document learning outcomes associated with the scholarship.
- 5) Science scholars must attend a learning center for tutoring at least 5 hours per week.
- 6) Students are required to live in a dorm at TAMU as part of a learning cohort/community.

Application Procedures

- Complete and submit to the Student Financial Services Office at Palo Alto College the FAFSA **by November 23, 2009.**
- Complete and submit the PAC/TAMU Science and Math Scholars Program scholarship application to Scholarship Selection Committee at PAC **by November 23, 2009.**
- Submit a college academic transcript from all colleges attended, not including PAC.
- Provide **two letters of reference** from members of your high school or college faculty, especially in the sciences and/or math areas, who can attest to your academic prowess and ability to succeed. If you have been out of high school for a number of years, provide letters from employers or community leaders that know you.
- Enter ALL college transcripts.

Selection of Recipients

Selections will be based on student's overall academic prowess, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, participation in community activities, financial aid need, and personal answers to the career goals and autobiographical questions.

Notice of Awards

Students will be notified by mail of any scholarship award or denial.

Renewal of Scholarship

Scholarships may be renewed on an academic year or semester basis, contingent upon satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds. If academic progress is not upheld by the student, the scholarship will be retracted.

Revocation of Aid

Palo Alto College and Texas A&M University reserve the right to cancel any scholarship or aid awarded at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other

scholarship requirements, falsifies information reported, participates in illegal activities, participates in academic dishonesty conduct, or other such conduct that is considered liable (see campus catalogs).

□ **Return the application:**

PAC/TAMU Science and Math Scholars Program
Scholarship Selection Committee
Department of Sciences-Biology
Palo Alto College
1400 W. Villaret
San Antonio, TX 78224

For more information concerning application process, please
contact Sara Wilkins at PAC.

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(210) 486-3381

PAC/TAMU SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

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| Final: | To Receive the Scholarship For Spring 2010 | November 23, 2009 |
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

PERSONAL DATA:

Social Security# _____ D.O.B. _____

NAME: _____
LAST FIRST M.I.

HOME ADDRESS: _____
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE ZIP

HOME TELEPHONE: (_____) _____
area code number

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____
area code number

CITIZEN STATUS: ___ U.S. Citizen
___ *Eligible Non-Citizen (*Must provide copy of Alien Registration Card: I-151 or I-551)

EDUCATION:

___ Current PAC Student (check if applicable) Transcripts of **all** college work are required. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

What type of degree are you pursuing in Science or Math? _____

Total College Hours Earned to Date: _____

Math SAT Score (please provide copy of results): _____

Dual Credit Courses Taken: _____

Have you participated in a College Connections/PAC Access Project? _____ If so, when? And through which institution? _____

Anticipated Graduation/Transfer Date from this college: _____

Are you receiving any other scholarship, external aid, or financial aid? ___ Yes ___ No
(If yes, please specify type of award and amount)

List other scholarship(s) for which you may be applying (See Scholarship Brochure Listing):

QUESTIONS: (Please attach additional sheets as needed with your name and social security number on them.)

1. What honors, awards or recognition have you received (high school and/or college)? List those achievements specifically related to your area of academic interest (please include year received).

2. Please describe activities and work experience **other than** those directly related to your high school or college experience. You may list community service, church, work, part-time or full-time employment.

3. List organizational memberships to which you belong (high school and/or college), and any offices held (please include year held).

4. Write a short essay (one page only) explaining your career goals, what you plan to study and why you want to further your education. (on separate sheet)

5. Write a short autobiography (one page only). You may want to include your family background and personal interests. (on separate sheet)

6. Do you have relatives (by blood or by marriage) who are currently serving on the ACCD Board of Trustees? No___ Yes ____ If yes, provide their name and relationship to you.

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- Recipients of ACCD scholarships cannot be related to any of the ACCD Board Members. For further information, click on the following hyperlink from Texas Legislature website:
<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/SB01325S.htm> .

Do not forget to submit the 2 letters of reference, preferably from current or former college-level instructors.

CONFIDENTIAL and OPTIONAL -- to be used anonymously and only for NSF reporting. These will **no way** affect the selection process.

Ethnicity (choose one):

- Hispanic or Latino not Hispanic or Latino not reported

Race (choose one or more):

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian
 African American or Black Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Anglo or White not reported

Gender:

- male female not reported

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to the Scholarship Selection Committee and the Student Financial Services Office to verify such information and to release information to the donor or potential donor of any scholarship for which I may be eligible.

Signature

Date

Financial Aid Eligibility

Every student applying for this scholarship must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Processor. This can be done through the mail or online at the following website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> .

In general, a student is eligible for Federal, State, and Institutional aid if he or she meets the following requirements:

1. The student must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate. (Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Student Financial Services)
2. The student is enrolled at least half-time as a regular student in an eligible program of study. (Less than half-time applies to Pell Grant only)
3. The student is a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
4. Financial need is demonstrated by the supporting documents required, and federally approved budgets.
5. A transfer student must identify the previous college attended during the current academic year.
6. The student must demonstrate satisfactory progress in the course of study.
7. The student must be working toward a degree or certificate.
8. The student is not in default on the Perkins Student Loan (formerly NDSL), Stafford Student Loan (formerly GSL), PLUS or SLS Loan at any institution the student has attended.
9. The student does not owe a refund on a Federal Pell Grant or a Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant at any school attended.
10. The student must sign a statement of registration status with the Selective Service.
11. The student must sign a statement of educational purpose indicating that he or she will use the money only for expenses related to attending that institution.

For complete details on any item mentioned above, refer to the latest edition of "The Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook."

| FAFSA APPLICATION DEADLINE AT PAC for This Scholarship | | |
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| Final: | To Receive the Scholarship For Spring 2010 | November 23, 2009 |

The Alamo Community College District, including its affiliated colleges, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, gender, nationality, religion, or disability with respect to access, employment programs, or services. Inquiries or complaints concerning these matters should be brought to the attention of: EEO/Director of Human Resources, Title IX Coordinator, 210/208-8051. Address: Human Resources Department, 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. AA, San Antonio, Texas 78204

The colleges of the Alamo Community College District are equal opportunity colleges. Students are admitted without regard to race, nationality, color, creed, religion, sex or disability. The colleges also comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY STATUS: _____

APPLICATION STATUS:

_____ AWARDED _____ PLACED ON WAITING LIST _____ DENIED

DATE _____