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RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The RGV LEAD Scholarship is for \$5,000 to be paid out over a two-year period. Continuation funding for this scholarship is contingent on compliance with performance requirements explained to the scholarship recipient in written communication provided by RGV LEAD. Any questions regarding requirements should be directed to RGV LEAD, and responses will be provided by a representative of RGV LEAD. The decision of RGV LEAD's Director is final.

The scholarship recipient may be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the RGV LEAD Board. In addition, the recipient may also be honored during a ceremony at his/her high school and may have his/her picture featured in RGV LEAD and/or local publications.

An electronic copy of the scholarship application packet may be downloaded on RGV LEAD's website. <https://rgvlead.org/publications/>

Important Information:

Application deadline is February 28, 2020 by 4:00 P.M. (no exceptions). Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications, late applications, and/ or applications, that are not typed, or meet stated eligibility criteria and other requirements will not be considered.

Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must be a high school student who graduated as an RGV LEAD Scholar after the Fall 2019 semester or will graduate at the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

The applicant must have graduated from, or be preparing to graduate from, the high school portion of a college-and-career-preparatory program of study that includes one or more career and technical education courses for college credit (articulated credit or dual credit).

The applicant must have participated in a work-based learning experience; for example:

- an industry speaker's presentation to the student's class (as in a career day)
- a career fair (for example, the Education & Career EXPO)
- a field trip to an employer's place of business or an employer classroom presentation
- job-shadowing
- mentoring (e.g., RGV Mentors)
- an internship or apprenticeship
- a job, co-op class, etc.

Application Packet Requirements: Application packet must be complete, typed, and in order, as follows:

- Scholarship Application Cover Page (use the form enclosed in this packet).
- Two separate recommendations (see form attached--a letter of recommendation may also be attached.)
 - a. One recommendation from school personnel
 - b. One recommendation from a personal reference (church leader, employer, family friend, Scout leader, etc.—**may not be either a family member or a school employee**)
- College and Career Essay (Attach the essay cover page enclosed in this packet to the essay)
- Copy of High School Transcript reflecting a college-and-career-preparatory program of study that includes one or more career and technical education courses completed for college credit (articulated credit or dual credit)

Submission Instructions:

Hand delivered applications must be RECEIVED by **Friday, February 28, 2020** no later than **4:00 P.M.**

Mailed applications must be post-marked by Friday, February 28, 2020. Applications must be delivered or mailed to the following address. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

RGV LEAD

Attention: Marketing and Awards Committee

322 South Missouri/PO Box 208

Weslaco, Texas 78599-0208

Essay Instructions:

The Applicant's essay must be typed, well-written, and organized and must address the following questions. Essays may be a maximum of two doubled-spaced typed pages in length, using 12-point font. The applicant must complete the attached essay cover page and attach it to the essay. **RGV LEAD recommends that applicant have a counselor or teacher review the application prior to submittal.**

1. What was your career goal when you entered high school? Do you have the same career goal today? Where do you see yourself in the workforce ten years from now?
2. Are you planning to enroll in a college or university program related to the Foundation High School Program Endorsement you had at the time you graduated from high school? Why or why not?
3. Have you earned any industry certifications? If "yes," what certifications did you earn?
4. Describe one work-related experience (see application cover page) you had in high school. Explain how this experience helped you become the person you are today.
5. Name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.



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1. Fill in the information about yourself.
2. Place a checkmark in one box for the level of each quality you believe best represents the applicant.
3. Answer the question below the table.
4. Verify your answers by signing at the bottom of the form.

Name of Recommender (please print): _____

Title (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail (If Applicable): _____

How You Know the Applicant: _____

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Intellectual Ability					
Leadership Ability					
Academic Preparation					
Interpersonal Skills					
Willingness to Learn					
Maturity					
Initiative					
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Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for a RGV LEAD Scholarship? (Attach additional page if necessary) _____



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