



## RGV LEAD ANNOUNCES ITS 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RGV LEAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

RGV LEAD will be awarding 5 scholarships for its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual RGV LEAD scholarship competition. The RGV LEAD Scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to one student and will be paid out over two years. Continuation of funding for this scholarship is contingent upon compliance with performance requirements which will be provided to the scholarship recipient. Additionally, four RGV LEAD scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to four recipients and will be paid out in one payment. Questions regarding requirements can be directed to a RGV LEAD representative. RGV LEAD's decision on scholarship award recipients is final.

Circumstances permitting, RGV LEAD scholarship recipients will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony sponsored by the RGV LEAD Board of Directors. In addition, scholarship recipients may be honored during a ceremony at their high school and may have his/her picture featured in RGV LEAD social media sites 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:**

**The application deadline is February 25, 2022, by 4:00 pm (no exceptions). Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete, late, and/or applications that are not typed or do not 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 2021 semester or will graduate at the end of the Spring 2022 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.)
  - One recommendation from school personnel
  - 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:

Due to the current pandemic, our RGV LEAD office is only staffed Monday through Wednesday. If you choose to hand-deliver your scholarship application, please do so no later than February 23, 2022, by 4:00 pm. Mailed applications must be postmarked by Friday, February 25, 2022. Applications must be delivered or mailed to the following address. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**RGV LEAD**

**Attention:**

**RGV LEAD, Inc.**

**Marketing and Awards Committee**

322 South Missouri

Weslaco, Texas 78596



Essay Instructions:

The Applicant's essay must be typed, well-written, organized, and must address the questions listed below. Essays may be a maximum of two double-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 the 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 your career path 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 "not," explain why not. If "yes," what certifications did you earn? Explain how you believe these certifications may help you in your career.
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. Looking back through your four years of high school, what has been the most valuable learning lesson?
6. Name the college or university you have chosen and explain why you want to go to school there.





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3. Answer the question below the table.
4. Verify your answers by signing at the bottom of the form.

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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					
Responsibility					
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Attention to Detail					
Honesty and Integrity					
Motivation					
Resiliency					

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for a RGV LEAD Scholarship? (Attach additional page if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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