



STEM SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Promoting success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) areas of study

DESCRIPTION: Scholarships are available to Hispanic American graduate students who are enrolled fulltime in a STEM related Master's graduate program. Scholarships will cover full tuition and fees for up to 9 hours for one semester, with a maximum award of \$4,500 per year. The scholarship is part of the "Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans" grant that was recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to UTPA. Approximately 12 students will be awarded scholarships during the Spring 2010 semester.

ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY: Scholarships will be awarded to graduate students studying in the following fields:

- Science
- Technology (Computer and Information Sciences)
- Engineering
- Math
- Psychology (non-clinical)
- Sociology
- Economics

APPLICATION: To apply, students must submit the following:

- STEM Success Scholarship Application Form
- Resume
- Copies of all transcripts
- Personal essay that includes:
 - Reason for choosing a STEM field of study for an advanced degree
 - Discussion of student's strong interest or past involvement in research projects
 - Description of student's financial need
- At least 2 faculty references

CRITERIA: Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, personal essay, financial need and letters of recommendation. Required criteria include:

- Hispanic
- U.S. citizen
- Full-time graduate student
- Studying in one of the eligible fields of study
- In the first-year of study
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent) from a bachelor's degree

DEADLINE: Application packets are due by **December 1, 2009** and students that are selected will be notified by December 15, 2009.

CONTACT: Please mail or drop off your application packet to:

Office of Graduate Studies
Attn: STEM Success Scholarship Selection Committee
1201 W. University Drive, AB 116
Edinburg, TX 78539
956/381-3661

You may also email your packet to: aldape@utpa.edu