



**Matt Shaheen**

Texas House of Representatives

**TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR APPLICATION**

Full Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA as of MAY 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on track to graduate high school in a Distinguished Achievement Program or International Baccalaureate program? \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ students SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any clubs or organizations for which you participate: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any leadership positions you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any community involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any athletic activities in which you participate: \_\_\_\_\_

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What other scholarships have you been awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In addition to this form, please submit an official high school transcript, 3 letters of recommendation, and a 400 word essay explaining why you would like to be nominated for this scholarship.**

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Please return your completed application, transcript, and essay to my office  
no later than **Noon on Friday, August 25, 2023.**

Email application packet to  
Amy.Rattleff@house.texas.gov

Mail or deliver application packet to  
P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910

# TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the Governor and Lieutenant Governor may each appoint two students, and each State Senator and State Representative may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional scholarship.

## Initial Eligibility

### *Students are required to:*

- Be a resident in Texas House District 66 or attending a high school located in Texas House District 66
- Have demonstrated a record of good citizenship and leadership

### *In addition, students must meet two of the following four academic criteria:*

- Is on track to graduate or graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB).
- A high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23).
- Ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

### *Agree to:*

- Complete four years of ROTC training.
- Graduate no later than six years after the date first enrolled.

### *After graduation, enter into:*

- A four year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine; or
- Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States.
- Repay the scholarship if the requirements are not met.
- Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution.

## Continued Eligibility Requirements

### *To maintain eligibility for future awards, the student must:*

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution.
- Continue to be a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).
- Not have earned a baccalaureate degree or completed a cumulative total 150 hours.

## How much can be awarded?

### *The amount of the award will be the lesser of:*

- \$10,000.00; or
- An amount not to exceed the cost of attendance when combined with the total amount to be paid to a student for that academic year for being under contract with one of the branches of the armed services of the United States.

## Repayment

### *A scholarship will become a loan if the student fails to:*

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Fulfill any terms of the terms of the scholarship.
- Fulfill a four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine; or
- Contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

To apply to be nominated by Representative Matt Shaheen, you must submit a completed application packet by **Friday, August 25, 2023 at Noon** that includes:

- Check list coversheet
- Nomination application form
- An official high school transcript
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 400 word essay explaining why you would like to be nominated for this scholarship

**If selected**, you will receive a Notice of Selection. Once you decide upon the higher education institution and corresponding ROTC program in which you will enroll, you will take your Notice of Selection to the institution's financial aid office. The financial aid office will certify your program eligibility to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Because program eligibility requirements include that you be enrolled in the institution and in the ROTC program at that institution, the financial aid office cannot provide their eligibility certification before those two criteria are met. Once the Higher Education Coordinating Board receives the institution's eligibility certification, you will receive an email requesting you to complete your Texas Armed Services Scholarship application online at [www.hhloans.com](http://www.hhloans.com).

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**2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**Application Packet Check List**

*(please use this page as your application packet coversheet)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I have attached the following documents:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Official High School Transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Letters of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ 400 word essay explaining why you would like to be nominated for this scholarship