

CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of Scholarships are available to students who join the Corps of Cadets?

The Corps of Cadets has five (5) types of scholarships available to incoming freshmen each year. Four of these scholarships are awarded and administered through the Corps Scholarship Office. In addition, there are Easterwood Scholarships, which are reserved for members of the Corps of Cadets, but administered through the university Scholarship and Financial Aid (SFA) Office. The table below summarizes these scholarships:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amt/year</u>	<u>Length</u>
Corps 21/Brown Scholarship	\$4,000 - \$4,500	4 years
General Rudder	\$2,000 - \$2,500	4 years
Commandant's Leadership Award	\$2,000	4 years
Sul Ross/Corps Scholarship	\$1,200	2 years (renewable)
Easterwood Scholarship**	Approx \$4,000	4 years

** Corps Scholarship administered through the university Scholarship & Financial Aid office

Additional information can be found at: <http://corps.tamu.edu/academic-advantage/>

As an incoming freshman, how do I apply for a Corps Scholarship?

In order for incoming freshmen to be considered for a Corps Scholarship during the awarding period (February – August), prospective freshmen cadets **must complete and submit** the Scholarship Application (found as part of the ApplyTexas.org or Coalition admission application), and have established contact with the Corps Recruiting Office or attended or be scheduled to attend one of the Corps Recruiting Programs (Spend the Night with the Corps etc.). Please note that the deadline for submitting Scholarship Applications, is **December 1st**. If you miss the application deadline **you will not be considered for a university or Corps scholarship.**

Do I need to submit anything “extra” to be considered for a Corps Scholarship?

No you do not – we use the same application (either ApplyTexas or Coalition) that is used by the university. Corps Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and/or financial need. The criteria we use for merit are the same as those used by the Admissions Office to determine which applicants are offered admission (i.e. SAT/ACT scores, HS Class Rank, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, etc.). To be considered for a scholarship based on financial need, you must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This can be done on-line at www.fafsa.gov.

I am going to enter the Corps as a transfer or current TAMU student, am I eligible for Corps Scholarships?

Yes, you are. Because most transfer students entering the Corps have at least one year of college already, the awarding process and criteria is slightly different. The Corps Scholarship Selection Committee will consider transfer students for scholarships separately in July or January prior to the semester they are entering the Corps. Transfer students will be reviewed using the ApplyTexas Transfer Scholarship Application, which takes

into consideration what you have done in College. Current TAMU students will be reviewed using the Continuing Student Scholarship Application or their cumulative GPR and hours completed.

When will I be notified if I was awarded a Corps Scholarship?

For those who have submitted the Scholarship Application (ApplyTexas or Coalition), and are registered with the Corps Recruiting Office, notifications for those offered a Corps Scholarship will go out approximately every 3 weeks starting in early February, and continue through the summer. These notifications are sent via U. S. Mail from the SFA office of the university and/or an e-mail from the Corps Scholarship Office. The letter notifications from SFA, include all financial aid from the university that is being offered, including Corps Scholarships.


What are the requirements to keep a Corps Scholarship?

At the beginning of the semester that you are offered a Corps Scholarship you will be required to sign a contract outlining the following requirements:

- Remain a member in good standing in the Corps of Cadets.
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 hours per semester at Texas A&M (Blinn Team excepted). This may be waived on a case-by-case basis by the Commandant.
- Maintain a minimum overall grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.3 for Sul Ross/Corps Scholarships, 2.5 for Commandant's Leadership Awards, General Rudder, and Brown \$2,000 Scholarships, and 3.0 for Corps 21 and Brown \$4,000 Scholarships.
- At the beginning of the sophomore year have completed a minimum of 30 hours, and at the beginning of the senior year have completed a minimum of 75 hours.
- Write a "Thank You Letter" to your scholarship donor(s) each semester, and submit a Copy to the Corps Scholarship Office. (information provided at the start of each semester)
- Allow my grades to be sent to the donor(s) of my scholarship each semester.
- Allow contact information such as my phone number and e-mail address to be sent to my donor(s).
- Participate in Corps or Donor sponsored social events in honor of the scholarship donors..

If you have any questions, please free to contact our office using the information provided below.

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