

Rewards for Tech Prep Texas Scholars

Seniors who graduate as Tech Prep Texas Scholars qualify for these rewards:

GRADUATION HONORS

Tech Prep Texas Scholars will receive recognition at graduation, such as a special Tech Prep Honor Cord and Tech Prep Texas Scholar certificate.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Tech Prep Texas Scholars are eligible to compete for one of the Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarships...**thousands of dollars for college!** (This is in addition to the savings of earning college credits in high school through Tech Prep.)

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

College-level Tech Prep courses may satisfy "advanced measure" requirements for the Distinguished Achievement Program.

STATE FINANCIAL REWARD PROGRAMS

There are many state financial-incentive programs available to students who complete the requirements of the Tech Prep Texas Scholars program. For example, Tech Prep Texas Scholars who qualify for financial assistance become eligible for a program passed by the Texas Legislature: the Texas Grant program. This may provide all tuition and fees for public colleges and universities in Texas; however, grant funds are administered on a first-come-first-served basis. There are other state-funded programs, such as the B-on-Time Student Loan Program, offering 0% interest rate and an opportunity for loans to be forgiven if student graduates with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

For additional information see www.collegefortexans.com.

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Information for Graduating

Class of **2011** & beyond



You Can Be a Tech Prep

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Tech Prep Texas Scholars Program

Students graduating in Class of 2011 and beyond must meet the following four requirements:

1. Complete all courses required by the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program.
2. Complete the high school portion of a six- or eight-year plan of study—that includes, in high school, a coherent sequence of two or more career and technical education courses for 3 or more credits.
3. Complete at least two college-level Tech Prep courses as part of your high school graduation plan. Each “college-level Tech Prep course” must meet all of the following requirements:
 - must be a career and technical education course taken in high school
 - must be either an articulated course for which you have earned a grade of 80 or better or a dual-credit course for which you have earned a passing grade
 - must be a course that is included in a Tech Prep program of study plan at one of the following local colleges: South Texas College, Texas State Technical College Harlingen, Texas Southmost College, or another college that offers Tech Prep programs not available in the Valley
4. Complete a declaration of intent to be a **Tech Prep Texas Scholar**.

When you take college-level Tech Prep courses, you are creating a scholarship for yourself. Students who take these courses may earn between 3 and 15—or more!—college credit hours without being charged tuition at the college. The number of courses you take will depend on the requirements of the Tech Prep program that interests you.

What are the Recommended High School and Distinguished Achievement Programs?

The Recommended High School Program and Distinguished Achievement Program are rigorous academic programs recommended for all students by the State Board of Education. The curriculum creates a 26-credit high school graduation plan with choices of elective options:

● English	4 credits
● Mathematics	4 credits
● Science	4 credits
● Social Studies	4 credits
● Foreign Language	2 or 3* credits
● Physical Education	1.0 credit
● Fine Arts	1 credit
● Speech	0.5 credit
● Electives	5.5 or 4.5* credits

*Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP).
(The DAP also requires “advanced measures.” Check with your counselor.)

Tech Prep Texas Scholars must follow approved College Tech Prep programs of study that include career and technical education courses. Taking the appropriate sequence of these courses with at least two being college-level Tech Prep courses will ensure that you meet the requirements to graduate as a Tech Prep Texas Scholar.

Your high school counselor can provide you with detailed information regarding the courses you will need to take.

What colleges and school districts offer College Tech Prep Programs?

Colleges: The following Rio Grande Valley colleges offer college Tech Prep programs:

- South Texas College
- Texas Southmost College
- Texas State Technical College Harlingen

Some school districts also have Tech Prep programs with Coastal Bend College and Laredo Community College.

School Districts: Tech Prep programs are aligned with Achieve Texas. Records of Tech Prep program agreements are maintained by Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. The following school districts have Tech Prep agreements with the above-mentioned colleges:

- **Cameron County:** Brownsville ISD, Harlingen CISD, La Feria ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito CISD, Santa Maria ISD, Santa Rosa ISD, and South Texas ISD.
- **Hidalgo County:** Donna ISD, Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Feria ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Monte Alto ISD, PSJA ISD, Progreso ISD, Sharyland ISD, Valley View ISD, and Weslaco ISD
- **Starr County:** Rio Grande City CISD and Roma ISD
- **Willacy County:** Lasara ISD, Lyford CISD, Raymondville ISD, and San Perlita ISD

Check with your high school counselor to see which of your courses will qualify as college-level Tech Prep courses!

OUR MISSION

Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., is a public/private collaborative partnership whose mission is to form working regional and state partnerships that leverage regional resources to facilitate college-and-career-focused learning opportunities for students stressing practical problem-solving and critical thinking to achieve a higher level of competence in the workforce.