

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation

Student, Athlete & Employee
Scholarship Application



*Promoting, Organizing and Conducting
Athletic Opportunities in the State of
Texas Since 1925*

TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Scholarship is funded by contributions from public and private sectors. These funds are set up in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Foundation. This scholarship is available in three categories. It is offered to Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athletes, both past and present; parks and recreation employees; and high school and/or college students seeking undergraduate or post graduate degrees in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. A description of each category to be awarded is listed below.

The application and all requested documentation under the scholarship category for which you are applying are due to the T.A.A.F. State Office via email (ginger@taaf.com) by March 31st of each year. Announcement of selected individuals will be made at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Mid-Year meeting in April/May each year, for the upcoming fall, spring and summer semesters. To obtain detailed information regarding the program please contact:

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
407 N. Water Street
Burnet, Texas 78611
Phone (512) 863-9400
www.taaf.com

Dan Whitworth Memorial Student Scholarships

Educational assistance available to graduating high school students or college students who are pursuing degree programs in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation with the intent to enter the recreation, parks and leisure service field as a career.

Eligibility Requirements:

Graduating High School Student/High School Graduate:

- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Has a high school class ranking of at least the top quarter or a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a minimum of 850-SAT, minimum score of 21 on ACT.

College or University Student:

- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.

- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- Must possess a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or pass on a pass/fail system from the previous semester.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in: activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work, etc. related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- SAT or ACT score
- Grade point average
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

Athlete Category

Educational assistance is available to a **past or present Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athlete**, seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, at an accredited college or university, and in an accredited degree program.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have competed in one or more Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state level competitions or state tournaments.
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Or, currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in, activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

Employee Category

Educational assistance is available for part-time and/or full-time employees currently working in the parks and recreation field, whose **current employer** does not provide any continuing education or tuition funding and **is a current T.A.A.F. Member City**. Assistance is to be used for Bachelors, Masters and/or Doctoral degrees that may qualify them for future job enhancements and opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements

- Currently a regular, part-time and/or full-time employee working a minimum of 15 hours per week with at least 6 months of continuous service at one or more Member Cities at time of application.
- Must be demonstrating satisfactory work performance.
- Must not have received a formal disciplinary action in the preceding 6 months prior to the application submittal.
- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university and those seeking a degree in parks, recreation and tourism sciences, sports sciences / leisure services, public administration or related field.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Must not be employed by an entity that currently provides full tuition reimbursement.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- If not currently enrolled at a college or university, you may also apply for tuition to attend an accredited professional development training to obtain an industry relevant certification credential (CPO, ASO, CYSA, CPSI, etc).

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Will the educational goal relate to a field in the parks and recreation profession?
- What contributions will the educational course or certification provide to the parks and recreation profession?
- Submittal of all requested documentation.
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee.

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Please indicate which scholarship category and semester you are applying for.

(You may apply for more than one scholarship category if you meet the requirements; however,
SEPARATE APPLICATIONS are REQUIRED for each scholarship category.)

_____ High School Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ College Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ Athlete Category (High School or College Student) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ Parks & Recreation Employee Category Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

Or certification program: _____

Section 1 (Please type)

1. _____
Last Name First Name MI

2. _____
Mailing Address (Home or Permanent Residence) City State Zip Code

3. _____
Home Phone Number Business Phone Number E-Mail

4. _____
High School or College/University attending/graduated Graduation Date

5. High School/College Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4-point scale: _____
(Transcripts must be attached for verification)

Major: _____ Semester Hours Attained: _____

Minor: _____ Semester Hours Next Semester: _____

6. _____
Current Employer Job Title Date of Employment

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Section 2 (Attach the additional sheets provided if necessary)

1. Describe volunteer and leadership experiences, accomplishments, honors, recognitions and awards received. These experiences may include academic, job related, and/or community service organizations with which you have been involved. Include your position and length of involvement.

Activities

Dates

[illegible]

2. Please list your chosen or anticipated field of study and explain why you believe the field is important.

[illegible]

3. How does Parks and Recreation have an impact on a community? How has it impacted you personally?

[illegible]

4. If awarded this scholarship, how would you utilize your educational experience to make an impact on the parks and recreation / leisure services profession in your community or society as a whole?

5. Explain your career goals upon graduation.

6. Are there any other factors you would like us to consider in evaluating your application? If so, please explain.

Additional Comments:

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Section 3 (Please attach the following documentation under the scholarship category you are applying for)

Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - High School Student Category

- Letter of acceptance from a College or University. Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 semester hours in classes directly related to acquiring a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation will be required upon registration and prior to the awarding of scholarship funds.
- Official High School transcript (to include class rank and/or GPA)
- Official college entrance examination score
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - College Student Category

- Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 hours from a College or University with accredited programs relating to a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Athlete Category (High School or College Student)

- Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state competition roster(s) or individual sports card(s) and/or a letter detailing the state event(s) participated in, location, year, and region you represented.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Parks & Recreation Employee Category

- Employer verification of your continuous service, employee classification, satisfactory work performance, and that no disciplinary action exists in the preceding 6 months of this application.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation from your current agency executive / director.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

February 21, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Miah Barras' scholarship application. I have had the pleasure of instructing Miah in two junior-level courses: Design and Evaluation of Physical Activity Programs and Sport Sociology. In addition to her high academic performance, Miah is a highly motivated student who possesses determination, time management skills, as well as leadership and teamwork abilities.

Miah's academic aptitude and commitment to excellence is readily apparent in her high scores on all assignments and quizzes. Furthermore, she is an excellent writer and the written assignments she has done for me have been a pleasure to grade. They show critical thought and mastery of the course materials. She earned an "A" in both courses.

Both of these courses are delivered asynchronously, online. This allows the students a great deal of flexibility, but also requires that students study independently, manage their time effectively, and be personally responsible for getting their assignments completed by each due date. Miah handled these challenges with ease. Miah is not the type of student who does the bare minimum to get the grade she wants, she is committed to making the most of her college education. These courses also employed extensive group work, which is an added challenge in the online environment. Miah was more than just a productive group member, she took on the role of group leader to ensure that the quality of her group's submissions were high.

Both inside and outside the classroom, Miah exhibits determination. Over the past few years, she has been fighting a degenerative, auto-immune disease that has caused her to have to give up many of the activities that she loves. Instead of becoming discouraged, Miah has used this challenge to motivate her to gain the education necessary to help others who are facing similar challenges. She is currently pursuing a degree in the fitness field so she can provide others with the help and support that she wishes she had received as she struggles to stay active, despite her circumstances.

Miah is an outstanding student. She has demonstrated the qualities that are necessary for success in higher education and I know she will be a worthy scholarship recipient. I have no doubt that her pursuit of excellence will continue throughout her career at the University of Houston and beyond. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Miah Barras for your scholarship. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn Graham".

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Unofficial Transcript

Name: Miah A Barras
Student ID: 2223134

Print Date: 02/10/2025

SSN: XXX-XX-3359
Birthdate: XXXX-06-11

Request Reason: Web Transcript Request

Other Institutions Attended:

Lee College
511 South Whiting Street
Baytown, TX 77520-4796

U Of Texas-Austin
PO Box 8058
Austin, TX 78713-8058

Barbers Hill High School
9600 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580

External Degrees

Barbers Hill High School
Foundation Distinguished HS Dp 05/01/2023

Test Credits

Test Credits Applied Toward LASS Undergraduate Program

Advanced Placement	Chemistry	01/01/2022	3.00		
Transferred to Term FA 2023 as					
CHEM 1305	Foundations of Chemistry			3.000	S
Advanced Placement	English Language & Composition	01/01/2022	3.00		
Transferred to Term FA 2023 as					
ENGL 1301	First Year Writing I			3.000	S
Repeated:	Credit Excluded				
Advanced Placement	Economics: Macroeconomics	01/01/2023	3.00		
Transferred to Term FA 2023 as					
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics			3.000	S
Advanced Placement	Environmental Science	01/01/2023	4.00		
Transferred to Term FA 2023 as					
GENR ELEC	General Elec			3.000	S

Beginning of Undergraduate Record

FA 2023

Program: LASS Undergraduate
Plan: Fitness & Sports, BS Major

Course	Description	Attempted	Earned	Grade	Points
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors	3.000	3.000	A-	11.010
Course Attributes:	(30) Core-Life & Physical Sciences				
Instructor:	Abdalla Zanouny Ibrahim				
FREN 3364	Writing Holocausts	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Course Attributes:	(40) Core-Language, Philosophy & Culture				
Instructor:	Hildegard Glass				
KIN 1304	Public Hlt Issues in Phys/Obes	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Course Attributes:	(80) Core-Social & Behavioral Science				
Instructor:	Charles Raphael Betts				
	Craig Allen Johnston				
KIN 1352	Foundations of KIN, HLT, FIT	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Instructor:	Lukachukwu Fitzgerald Ojemaye				

Transfer Credit from U Of Texas-Austin

Applied Toward LASS Undergraduate

Course	Description	Attempted	Earned	Grade	Points
MATH 2312	Precalculus	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
Course Trans GPA:	0.000	0.000	3.000		0.000
Transfer Totals:					

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Transfer Credit from Lee College

Applied Toward LASS Undergraduate

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ENGL	1302	First Year Writing II	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
ENGL	1301	First Year Writing I	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
Repeated:		Earned Credit				
GOVT	2305	US Govt: Congress, Pres & Crts	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
GOVT	2306	US and Texas Const/Politics	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
HIST	1302	The U.S. Since 1877	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
HIST	1301	The U.S. to 1877	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
MATH	1314	College Algebra	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
MATH	1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3.000	3.000	A	0.000
Course Trans GPA:		0.000	Transfer Totals:	0.000	24.000	0.000

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	3.918	Term Totals	12.000	12.000	12.000	47.010
Term Honor:	Dean's List					
	Good Academic Standing					

SP 2024

Program: LASS Undergraduate
Plan: Fitness & Sports, BS Major

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
BIOL	1309	Biol for Non-Science Majors II	3.000	3.000	B+	9.990
Course Attributes:		(30) Core-Life & Physical Sciences				
Instructor:		Abdalla Zanouny Ibrahim				
KIN	3301	Design/Eval Phys Activity Prog	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Instructor:		Marilynn Hadassah Graham				
NUTR	2332	Intro To Human Nutrition	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
Course Attributes:		(30) Core-Life & Physical Sciences				
Instructor:		Lindsay Hughes				
PHYS	1301	College Physics I (lecture)	3.000	3.000	C+	6.990
Course Attributes:		(30) Core-Life & Physical Sciences				
Instructor:		Brian Patrick McElhenny				

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	3.165	Term Totals	12.000	12.000	12.000	37.980
	Good Academic Standing					

SU 2024

Program: LASS Undergraduate
Plan: Fitness & Sports, BS Major

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
KIN	3304	Human Structure & Phys Perform	3.000	3.000	A-	11.010
Instructor:		Whitney L Breslin				
KIN	3305	Sport Sociology	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Instructor:		Marilynn Hadassah Graham				
KIN	3306	Physiology-Human Performance	3.000	3.000	B+	9.990
Instructor:		Whitney L Breslin				

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	3.667	Term Totals	9.000	9.000	9.000	33.000
	Good Academic Standing					

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FA 2024

Program: LASS Undergraduate
Plan: Fitness & Sports, BS Major

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
KIN	3350	Psych Aspects Sport Exercise	3.000	3.000	A-	11.010
Instructor:		Morgan Paige Ferrara				
KIN	4300	Phys Activity Older Adults	3.000	0.000	F	0.000
Instructor:		Lisa L Alastuey				
KIN	4301	Workplace Wellness	3.000	3.000	B+	9.990
Instructor:		Lisa L Alastuey				
KIN	4330	Child and Adolescent Obesity	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Instructor:		Sally Paulson				

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	2.750	Term Totals	12.000	9.000	12.000	33.000
	Good Academic Standing					

SP 2025

Program: LASS Undergraduate
Plan: Fitness & Sports, BS Major

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
HDFS	1300	Dev of Contemporary Families	3.000	0.000	In Progress	0.000
Course Attributes:		(81) Core-Writing in Discipline WID				
Instructor:		Erica F Jordan				
KIN	4310	Measurement Tech Human Perf	3.000	0.000	In Progress	0.000
Instructor:		Yoonjung Park				
NUTR	4345	The Obesity Epidemic	3.000	0.000	In Progress	0.000
Instructor:		Lisa L Alastuey				
NUTR	4351	Gerontology and Nutrition	3.000	0.000	In Progress	0.000
Instructor:		Ann Carol Svendsen-Sanchez				

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	0.000	Term Totals	12.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Undergraduate Career Totals

Cum GPA:	3.355	Cum Totals	57.000	42.000	45.000	150.990
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Milestones

TSI MATH
Status: Completed
Date Completed: 03/02/2022

TSI READING
Status: Completed
Date Completed: 03/02/2022

TSI WRITE
Status: Completed
Date Completed: 03/02/2022

Texas State Mandated Core
Status: In Progress

End of Unofficial Transcript