

## Common Questions



### To become a Texas Scholar, a student must be

- In grades 9 - 12
- maintain a 2.75 grade point average
- complete high school foundation plan with at least one endorsement
- submit community service forms to the Texas Scholar school coordinator by April 10 annually
- volunteer a minimum of 50 hours of community service by April 1<sup>st</sup> of their senior year

### What does my student have to do to be recognized as a Texas Scholar each year?

In order to be recognized as a Texas Scholar each year, a student must accumulate the minimum number of hours required for their grade level in that particular school year.

### What are the minimum requirements for community service hours?

- Ninth grade year – minimum of 5 hours
- Tenth grade year – minimum of 10 hours
- Eleventh grade year – minimum of 15 hours
- Twelfth grade year – minimum of 20 hours

### What does my student do if they do not meet the minimum requirement in a particular school year?

Students may make up for the requirements not met during the following school year. The exception to this rule will be graduating seniors who must have their total 50 community service hours reported by April 10 of their senior year. *The Texas Scholar Advisory Board makes final determination of qualification acceptance.*

### What is the benefit of being a Texas Scholar?

Seniors who successfully complete the requirements for Texas Scholars are awarded a special certificate, a cord to wear at graduation, and are eligible for a scholarship at Odessa College or University of Texas Permian Basin.

### How does my Senior apply for the scholarship at Odessa College or University of Texas Permian Basin?

Seniors take their Texas Scholar certificate received at graduation to the scholarship office at OC and/or UTPB to receive their scholarship. Scholarship is \$1,000 per year or \$500 per semester.

### Where can my student volunteer?

Students may volunteer for any of the approved Texas Scholar Agencies. A complete list of approved agencies may be found on the Texas Scholars page on the ECISD website under Texas Scholars.

<http://bit.ly/TexasScholarsECISD>

### How does my student turn in their community service form(s)?

Students must submit their community service forms to their campus designated Texas Scholars coordinator. Forms must be legible, completely filled out and signed. It is highly recommended that students keep a copy for their records.