



The Texas Scholars program is a workforce development program sponsored by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with ECISD, local businesses, and area nonprofits for high school students.

Community service hours are required to encourage students to expand their awareness of community needs and civic responsibilities. The objective is for students to gain adult insight by beginning to recognize and accept personal responsibility in meeting needs in Ector County.

Benefits of being a Texas Scholar Student:

- ✓ Seniors, who successfully complete the requirements for Texas Scholars, are awarded a special certificate, a cord to wear, as well as name printed in the program at high school graduation.
- ✓ Seniors, who graduate with Texas Scholars recognition, are eligible for a scholarship at Odessa College or University of Texas Permian Basin.
- ✓ Students may include community volunteer service on personal resume, portfolio and college application.
- ✓ Volunteering helps develop teamwork and communication skills and provides networking opportunities.
- ✓ The Texas Scholars program offers opportunity for career exploration.
- ✓ Volunteering provides sense of personal achievement and appreciation.
- ✓ Students expand awareness of community needs and civic responsibilities.
- ✓ Students gain adult insight by beginning to recognize and accept personal responsibility in meeting needs throughout Ector County.