REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Requirement for all students:
1. Student must be a United States citizen
2. Student must be enrolled full time (12 credit hours) as a physics major at TAMUK
3. Candidates for scholarship shall submit an application form as well as a transcript of credits along with two letters of recommendation.

Incoming freshmen requirements:
1. Minimum GPA 3.0 out of 4.0 from an accredited high school
2. A combined SAT score of 1200 with a math score of 600 or a combined ACT score of 24 with a math score of 27
3. Student must be enrolled as a physics major at TAMUK for a minimum of 12 credit hours

Transfer student requirements:
1. Be transferring from an accredited Junior College, Community College or University
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 from a maximum of 4.0
3. Enrolled as a physics major at TAMUK in a minimum of 12 credit hours beginning in the fall semester of the award year

Each student must have demonstrated exceptional promise, strong leadership, community involvement and perseverance. Two letters of recommendation must come from a high school teacher, a hometown businessman, a minister or a faculty member from TAMUK who is not a member of the scholarship committee. At least one letter must be from someone outside of the Physics program.

None of the scholarships automatically renew each semester. In order to renew these scholarships for a successive semester, the student must reapply. The award of the scholarship shall be made by a selection committee composed of the current Physics Program Faculty.
There are several departmental scholarships available to students. These scholarships depend on the specific interests of the program.

The Walter Sells Scholarship Program: This program offers $600 a year ($300 a semester) during the regular school year for a student majoring in physics. The overall maximum grant shall not exceed $1,200 to any grantee over a period of four semesters. Preference is given to students who have less than 60 hours (freshmen and sophomores). The grant shall be awarded to an incoming or current undergraduate student who meets the criteria.

The S. Burgin Dunn Scholarship Program: This program offers $600 per year ($300 a semester) during the regular school year for a student majoring in physics. The overall maximum grant shall not exceed $1,200 to any grantee over a period of four semesters. The grantee shall be enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences and shall have completed at least one academic semester at TAMUK during which a full academic load was carried. This scholarship is limited to current students enrolled as Physics majors that have successfully completed at least 60 credit hours. (Juniors and seniors).

The Alumni Physics Scholarship Program: This program offers $600 per year ($300 per semester) during the regular school year for a student majoring in physics. The overall maximum grant shall not exceed $1,200 to any grantee over a period of four semesters.

Olan Kruse Physics Scholarship: This scholarship fund offers $600.0 per year ($300.00 per semester) during the regular school year for a student majoring in physics. The grant shall be awarded to an incoming or current undergraduate student.

The Health Physics/Nuclear Engineering Scholarship Program: This scholarship represents one of the major components in the student educational pipeline that has been created between the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics/Nuclear engineering at Texas A&M University. Only students who have demonstrated superior academic and leadership promise will be considered. This scholarship program will be open to incoming freshmen, transfer students, and students currently enrolled at TAMUK who express an interest in pursuing a career in radiological or Health Physics/Nuclear Engineering, biophysics or nuclear engineering. This scholarship has a value of $2,500 per year, with possible renewal each year and is awarded at the beginning of each semester to students who meet the criteria.

To continue in the Health Physics/Nuclear Engineering scholarship program for a second semester, the student must have successfully completed 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.75. The scholarship can be renewed if the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and completes a minimum of 24 credit hours each year.

The typical time frame for this scholarship is four years. However, given exceptional circumstances, the Selection Committee may waive this condition and award the scholarship for a ninth semester.

The National Science Workforce Development Scholarship Program: This scholarship is funded by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and is one of TAMUK’s largest scholarships. The scholarship has a value of $12,000 per year ($6,000 per semester) during the regular school year. It is available to serious,
accomplished students majoring in physics who have an interest in careers in nuclear science. The program is open to transfer students from accredited colleges or universities or students currently enrolled in TAMUK who have successfully completed 30 semester credit hours and have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).

To continue the in the National Science Workforce Development Scholarship Program the student must continue to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per long (non-summer) semester.

Students who receive this scholarship are required to sign a service agreement with the NRC that stipulates that they will serve 6 month in nuclear-related employment for each full or partial year of academic support. The employment may with the NRC, other Federal agencies, State agencies, Department of Energy laboratories, nuclear-related industry or academia in the student’s sponsored fields of study.
PHYSICS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship(s) being applied for (check all that apply)
__ Alumni Physics Scholarship __ Olan Kruse Physics Scholarship
__ S. Burgin Dunn Scholarship __ Walter Sells Scholarship
__ Health Physics/Nuclear Engineering Scholarship
__ Nuclear Regulatory Commission Workforce Development Scholarship

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Scholarship Evidence

GPA: ______ Are you receiving any other scholarships? __ Yes __ No
If yes, please list them with the amount awarded:

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List extracurricular activities in which you took part in while in high school or college. Include groups such as athletics, band, clubs, etc. Note any special recognition received such as offices held and leadership qualities essential for the offices.

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Employment

Work Experience: Are you currently employed? ___Yes ___No

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Applications will be received from many qualified candidates. What would you like the selection committee to know about you that might help them select you?

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Submission and Deadlines

To be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must meet the criteria listed in this packet. Every packet must have an application and an unofficial transcript. High school students applying or this scholarship must submit SAT or ACT scores to TAMUK as part of the application for admission process. Attach or mail separately two letters of reference addressed to:

  Scholarship Committee  
  Physics/Geosciences Department  
  MSC 175  
  Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
  Kingsville, TX 78363

**Deadline**: This application and letters of reference must be turned in to the above address no later than April 1st for consideration for the following Fall Semester or November 1st for consideration for the following Spring Semester.
Certification

I have read the above information and I wish to apply for this scholarship. The statements that have been made are true statements. If selected for this scholarship, I plan to attend Texas A&M University-Kingsville as a student in Fall ________ or Spring ________.

Signature ___________________________________ Date __________________________

My signature below authorizes the Scholarship Committee to examine any records necessary and to otherwise inquire into my character and worthiness in light of the qualifications for this scholarship.

Signature ___________________________ Date _____________________________