

Oscar M. Laurel Scholarship



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(June 8, 1920 - March 29, 2001)

The Oscar M. Laurel Family has established a \$1,000,000 Scholarship Endowment in his name to primarily benefit students who are the first generation in their immediate family to attend college. Laurel was a renowned lawyer and public servant who served as a member of the Texas Legislature, district attorney for the 49th Judicial District, and executive director of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission. He also was a charter member of the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C., by appointment from President Lyndon B. Johnson. It is his tenure as National President of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in the 1950s that the family specifically commemorates with this Endowment. His widow, Elsa G. Laurel, explained: "Oscar always felt access to a good education was the key to success and advancement, and so the focus of his tenure as LULAC president was to travel the country to organize local scholarship programs and promote the benefits of a formal education." Recipients will be known as Oscar M. Laurel Scholars and receive full tuition and fees at Texas A&M International University.



Application Requirements

To be considered for this scholarship, an applicant must meet the following criteria, submit the signed application, include an official high school/college transcript(s) and attendance records to your counselor by **March 6, 2020**. A committee from the Oscar M. Laurel Scholars Program will select the scholarship recipients.

Eligibility Criteria:

- A. Applicant must maintain a 90% (3.5) or better grade point average.
- B. Applicant must maintain a 95% or better attendance.
- C. Applicant must meet economically disadvantaged State criteria.
- D. Applicant must be first generation college-bound student who resides in the United States or México.
- E. Applied for acceptance to TAMIU.
- F. Applied for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The scholarship is renewable until the student graduates from TAMIU, but shall not exceed eight (8) semesters provided required GPA of 3.0 or higher is met for degree program and student is full-time carrying at least 12 college credit hours. In the event of non-compliance by a student, the scholarship offer will not be available.

Application

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student ID: _____ High School: _____ Grade Average: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Mobile: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Occupation: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Occupation: _____

Field of Study: _____

Mother's highest level of Education? _____

Father's highest level of Education? _____

Application Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, in 500 words or less, clearly explain how the Oscar M. Laurel Scholarship will assist you in achieving your TAMIU educational goals.

Release

I hereby certify the information I have submitted as correct. I authorize the school district, its employees, representatives or agents to provide any information regarding me to TAMIU, as requested by TAMIU and required under the program. I hereby grant TAMIU and those acting with the University's authority and permission, the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission to copyright, in TAMIU's own name or otherwise, and use, re-use, publish, and re-publish photographic or electronic portraits or pictures of my child in any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, trade or any other purpose whatsoever. I also consent to the use of any printed or electronic matter in conjunction therewith.

I agree to the conditions and guidelines listed above if selected to participate in the Oscar M. Laurel Scholars Program.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of parent (if applicant is under 18 years of age): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Turn in your completed application, along with transcripts, essay and attendance records to your counselor no later than **March 6, 2020**.