

Presidential Scholars Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



What does the Presidential Scholarship cover?

Up to two years or 60 semester credit hours of college that is tuition-free.
Textbooks leased through the TC bookstore at no cost to the student

What does the Presidential Scholarship offer?

A spot in the TC (Texarkana College) Honors College.
Priority registration each semester.
Exclusive networking and leadership opportunities.

What is the procedure for getting books for classes?

The Presidential Scholarship allows for the recipient to get textbooks by loan that must be returned by the end of each semester/term. Textbooks will not be issued for the following semester unless the current semester textbooks are returned or paid for in full. Workforce kits are not provided and are the responsibility of the student.

If I have not exceeded my 60 hour degree plan or 2-year limit, will the Presidential Scholarship cover classes that are not included in my major?

The Presidential Scholarship will only cover the costs of classes that are required for your degree/major.

Are dual credit hours excluded from my 60-hour degree plan?

Any dual credits taken through Texarkana College that are required for the student's specific degree are included in the 60-hour degree plan/two-year limit. Dual credit classes that are not required for the student's degree will not count as part of the 60-hour degree plan/two-year limit.

Does being a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship automatically make me an Honors College student?

Yes, any recipient of the Presidential Scholarship is automatically an Honors College student.

What is the GPA (Grade Point Average) required by the Presidential Scholarship, and what are the consequences of not making the GPA requirement?

Presidential Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA or cumulative 3.25 GPA each semester/term. Failure to maintain the minimum/cumulative GPA requirements will result in a scholarship appeal process that must be initiated by the student before the beginning of the next semester.

How many completed hours are required each semester to maintain the Presidential Scholarship?

Presidential Scholarship recipients must enroll and complete at least 12 credit-hours each consecutive fall and spring semester. Exceptions may apply to the Health Science and Workforce programs.

What is the Presidential Scholarship Appeal Process? How many times can I file an appeal?

All presidential scholars are notified if they did not meet the continuing eligibility requirements of their scholarship. The notification will be sent by email to the student's personal email on file, and their TC student email. The notification will explain the appeal process and deadline for submission. The student must type a letter to the Presidential Scholarship committee explaining the circumstances and causality of the reason they failed to meet the requirements. After the letter is submitted, the Presidential Scholarship committee will determine if the recipient will be able to continue receiving the scholarship and will notify the student after they have reached a decision. Scholarship recipients may only file one appeal for the full duration of their scholarship.

How many classes can I drop as a Presidential Scholar?

One drop is allowed per the full duration of the scholarship.

Will the Presidential Scholarship cover the cost to retake a class that has been dropped previously?

The Presidential Scholarship will cover the cost to retake a class only after the first drop. After the student has retaken one class covered by the scholarship, they are responsible for any other dropped classes that need to be retaken.

Can I change my major/degree plan? If so, how does it work with the hours lost?

Presidential scholars may change their major. However, this must be approved by their faculty advisor and the hours that have not been used out of the 60 credit hours from the Presidential Scholarship will be credited to the new major/degree plan.

How many volunteer hours are required for Presidential Scholars? Can these hours be split up into separate semesters? What are the consequences of not fulfilling the volunteer requirement?

Each Presidential Scholar must participate in a minimum of 30 community service hours by volunteering for the community and/or at Texarkana College events, such as school visits, preview days, orientation, festivals, etc. that help promote TC and the Presidential Scholarship. The scholarship hours are split into two semesters (15 hours in each). Other community service projects and volunteer opportunities must be approved in advance.

When do I need to meet with my academic advisor?

Meetings with your academic advisor should be done before enrolling in classes or if you are considering changing your major.

Am I required to take the Learning Frameworks class as a Presidential Scholar? What are the benefits of this class?

All Presidential Scholars must take a Learning Frameworks class during their first semester. Benefits include building teamwork skills, study habits, familiarity with the campus, writing skills, and networking. This year that class is only offered on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Does the Presidential Scholarship cover the costs of summer classes?

The Presidential Scholarship does cover the costs of summer and mini-semester classes that are required for the student's major/degree after you complete your first fall semester. You must meet with your faculty advisor before enrolling.

What if I have other outside scholarships or financial aid?

Students who receive the Presidential Scholarship, may still receive any other scholarships they have been awarded, as well as any financial aid they are eligible for. Since the scholarship will cover all the tuition and fees on a student's account, the student will receive a refund of any other financial aid they may have. Refunds generally occur about one month after the first day of class.