The information in this document is provided to departments for use on university scholarship applications. While the format in which the information is provided may vary, the language must not be altered.

**Consanguinity and Affinity**

The following guidelines are based on [Texas Government Code Chapter 573, Subchapter B.](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.573.htm#573)

In general, a person is not eligible for a scholarship awarded by an institution if the person is related to a current member of the governing board of the institution or system (i.e., "Regent") administering or originating the scholarship unless the scholarship is:

* granted by a private organization or third party not affiliated with the institution of higher education or university system;
* awarded exclusively on the basis of prior academic merit;
* an athletic scholarship; or
* awarded to a relative OUTSIDE both the third degree of consanguinity and the second degree of affinity.

A detailed explanation of Consanguinity and Affinity is available on the [College For All Texans website](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=411AAFBE-0E6E-5B28-593FFA55A73ED3BE). If the scholarship you are administering does not fall under any of the categories identified above, the certification below must be included in your scholarship application.

**Consanguinity and Affinity
In general, a person is not eligible for a scholarship awarded by committee at an institution if the person is related to a current member of the governing board of the institution or system (i.e., "Regent") administering or originating the scholarship.**

**Please view the members of The University of Texas System Board of Regents** [**here**](https://www.utsystem.edu/offices/board-regents/current-regents)**.**

**Once you have reviewed the current regents, select one of the following:**

I am not related by blood or marriage to any member.

I am a parent, daughter, son, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild of a member.

I am a great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle or aunt (brother or sister of parent), nephew or niece (son or daughter of brother or sister) of a member.

I am a spouse, spouse's child, spouse's parent, child's spouse, parent's spouse of a member.

I am a spouse's brother or sister, spouse's grandparent, or spouse's grandchild of a member.

I am a brother or sister's spouse, grandparent's spouse, or grandchild's spouse of a member.

**Other Certifications**

The next two certifications should be included in all scholarship applications. The last certification must be included in scholarships with a need component. Active certification is required, meaning that the student must, at minimum, check a box or otherwise indicate that they have read and agree to release their information.

**General Certification**

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application or other documentation may disqualify me for consideration of my application or disbursement of scholarship funding. Further, I understand that the information will be used by donors, the Committee on Student Fellowships and Scholarships, or other recognized university scholarship committee(s) to evaluate and award scholarships.

**FERPA General Release**

I agree to release my application materials and associated records, including name, classification, major, mailing address, e-mail, and GPA, to the scholarship’s administrators and/or donors for scholarship purposes. I understand this authorization is valid one time for the single release of information as allowable per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

**FERPA Release for Need-based Scholarships**

I agree to release my financial aid records to the scholarship’s administrators for use in determining my eligibility for this scholarship. I understand this authorization is valid one time for the single release of information as allowable per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

Questions regarding this document should be referred to:

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