



Texas Woman's University

2009-2010

Greater Texas Foundation

# Rising to the Challenge

Transfer  
Scholarship

Texas Woman's University (TWU) is dedicated to helping students develop leadership and personal responsibility by providing opportunities outside of the classroom. Actively engaging students in a meaningful student experience is a fundamental goal of TWU's Division of Student Life. Student leadership experiences benefit students, the university and society in many ways. Students engaged in these experiences develop strong leadership life skills, higher GPAs and have a higher graduation rate. **The Greater Texas Foundation Rising to the Challenge - Student Leadership Scholarship** was created for incoming community college transfer students with a record of previous leadership to provide an opportunity to continue and expand their leadership potential at TWU through activities such as community service, clubs, team competitions and other group activities.

This scholarship is being funded by the **Greater Texas Foundation** to eliminate financial barriers for community college transfer students. **Rising to the Challenge Leadership Scholarships** will be awarded during the 2009/2010 academic year to community college transfer students with 45+ credit hours who have demonstrated financial need, primarily from underrepresented populations and/or first generation students, who have shown leadership qualities, met academic requirements.

## The Award

Award recipients will receive \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester) or \$1,250 (\$625 per semester), based on financial need and availability.

## Minimum Eligibility Requirements and Selection Process

- have a 2.75 or higher cumulative community college GPA
- at least 45 credit hours transferred from a community college
- outstanding involvement in student leadership positions
- preference given to first generation students

## The applicants will be evaluated on

- breadth and depth of participation in student leadership experiences
- academic performance and community/volunteer service
- financial need

## Participation Requirements

- enrollment and completion of twelve (12) or more hours at TWU each long semester
- achieve and maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher at TWU
- be in good conduct standing
- actively involved in leadership opportunities at TWU

## Benefits

- access to leadership retreat(s) and one-on-one and/or group mentoring by professional staff
- facilitate a seamless transition to Texas Woman's University
- build leadership skills and performance
- build professionalism

**Deadline:** Friday, July 31, 2009

**Return applications to:** Center for Student Development – Rising to the Challenge Scholarship Committee

PO Box 425379, Denton, Texas 76204. For more information, please contact Erin Lansmon-Winter in the Center for Student Development at 940.898.3626 or [elansmon@twu.edu](mailto:elansmon@twu.edu)

**Texas Woman's University**  
 Rising to the Challenge - Transfer Scholarship 2009-2010  
**Application Form**

**Applicant Information**

Name (first, middle initial, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (street address, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major in College: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Community College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Comm. College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Application Requirements:**

**Recommendation Form**

Please give the attached recommendation form to a college professor, adviser, or community leader who knows you well enough to respond to the items listed on the recommendation form. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.

**Personal Essay**

With the application, submit an essay on separate paper (maximum of two double-spaced typed pages), addressing how your involvement in extracurricular activities during your high school or community college years helped to develop leadership skills.

**Interview**

An interview with the scholarship committee may be requested.

**List of Membership and Leadership Positions**

Write in membership/leadership positions held - include active involvement in organizations at your college or in your community (clubs, teams, councils, organizations, community service, etc).

Organization/Group	# of years involved	Positions Held
<i>Example: Student Government</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>Member, Treasurer, President</b>

**Scholarship Award Information**

Awards will be given out to selected students twice during the academic year. We have \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester) and \$1,250 (\$625 per semester) awards, based on financial need and availability.

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**Recommendation Form**

**To the Applicant:** The recommendation may be submitted with your application or under separate cover. Typed recommendation forms are preferred, but not required.

**To the Evaluator:** This student is applying for a Great Texas Foundation – Rising to the Challenge Scholarship. You can assist in the selection process by completing this form and returning it directly to the applicant or sending under separate cover to the Center for Student Development (address below).

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Abilities: Use the following scale to assess the following skills.**  
**5=Excellent 4=Good 3=Average 2=Fair 1=Unacceptable**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to manage time and finish tasks on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to solve problems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to listen and follow directions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to speak in front of small and large groups.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to accept responsibility for own actions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to relate well with students, parents, faculty, and administrators.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to present a positive image of TWU.

**Please briefly answer the following questions: (attach additional pages as needed)**  
What sets this applicant apart from other students?

Describe this applicant's leadership accomplishments.

General Comments:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator please return this form to:**

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