The Texas Pharmacy Foundation (TPF) offers the Robert Clayton Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 to a student pursuing a career in pharmacy at an accredited Texas school or college of pharmacy.

Background
Robert Clayton was a consultant pharmacist and Certified Diabetes Educator who died in a tragic car accident on his way to an American Pharmacists Association conference. Robert was very engaged in the profession at the state and national level. Robert was an active leader in the Texas Pharmacy Association and the then ‘Section’ of Consultant Pharmacists. This scholarship was established to encourage students to pursue the ideals exhibited by Robert during his time in our profession, including holding his resident patients’ interest above all else; working to ensure his patients’ medications were the safest, most appropriate, most effective, and used correctly; and taking responsibility to review, prevent, and solve medication-related problems to avoid further complications and maintain his patients’ quality of life.

Eligibility Criteria
To be eligible for the Robert Clayton Scholarship, a pharmacy student must be enrolled in an accredited Texas College of Pharmacy and entering their second (P2), third (P3) or fourth (P4) professional year in the fall of 2023 with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 in required courses. In addition, the applicant must be a student member of the Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA) and demonstrate an interest in the practice of consultant pharmacy in long-term care, assisted living or MHMR facilities, or pharmacy practice primarily involving the treatment of geriatric patients.

Applicants should also demonstrate interest by listing participation in electives, rotations, internships, employment or volunteer work in the practice of consultant pharmacy in long-term care, assisted living or MHMR facilities, or pharmacy practice primarily involving the treatment of geriatric patients. Selection will be based on financial need, interest in consultant pharmacy practice and the potential to become a leader for Texas pharmacy, as demonstrated by involvement in pharmacy school and community activities.

Students should provide completed applications and supporting documents to the following point person at their school or college by April 24, 2023:

- Texas A&M University Amanda Galindo, Ed.D. (galindo@tamu.edu)
- Texas Southern University John Harrell, Ed.D. (john.harrell@tsu.edu)
- Texas Tech University Michal Hodge (sopscholarships@ttuhsc.edu)
- University of Houston David Wallace, Pharm.D. (dwallace@uh.edu)
- University of the Incarnate Word Amy Diepenbrock, Ph.D. (diepenbr@uiwtx.edu)
- University of North Texas Megan Wesling, Pharm.D. (megan.wesling@unthsc.edu)
- The University of Texas at Austin Justin Samuel, Ph.D. (jsamuel@austin.utexas.edu)
- The University of Texas at El Paso Carmen Ramos, M.A. (crtorres2@utep.edu)
- The University of Texas at Tyler Elizabeth Yett, Pharm.D. (eyett@uttyler.edu)

Presentation
Scholarship winners will be recognized during the 2023 TPA Conference & Expo, July 28–30 in Houston.
Name of applicant: 

Current address: 

Permanent address: 

Check the mailing address you prefer:  □ Current  □ Permanent 

Phone number: (_______) 

School e-mail: ____________________________  Personal e-mail: ____________________________ 

School or College of Pharmacy: ____________________________ 

Will you be enrolled full-time this fall and next spring? _________________ 

Check the academic year of the professional sequence of courses you will be entering this fall: 

□ P2 Year  □ P3 Year  □ P4 Year 

Your GPA last semester (indicate scale): ________________  Cumulative pharmacy GPA: _____________ 

Are you a TPA member?  □ Yes  □ No 

Are you employed?  □ Yes  □ No  If yes, how many hours do you work each week? _____________ 

Name and address of employer, if applicable: ________________________________________________ 

_______________________________________________________ 

Do you have pharmacy work experience?  □ Yes  □ No 

If yes, how many years/months and what practice setting(s)? ___________________________________________ 

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Please list pharmacy organizations in which you are involved: ___________________________________________ 

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Please list offices held in organizations: _______________________________________________________________ 

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Please list geriatrics courses/rotations, work in consulting/long-term care, and service to the geriatric population: _______________________________________________________________ 

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: 

1. One-page essay (approx. 500 words, single-spaced) explaining your financial need; how the funds are to be used; why involvement in professional associations matters to you; why you are interested in consultant pharmacy in long-term care, assisted living or MHMR facilities; and your future goals as a pharmacist in this type of setting. 

2. Current CV/resume. 

3. Letter of recommendation from a Texas pharmacist (such as a faculty member, preceptor, or supervisor). 

4. Letter from your College of Pharmacy or School of Pharmacy verifying your GPA.