



# Early College High School to The University of Texas at El Paso Accelerated Student Scholarship Contract

Welcome to The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)! As an Early College High School (ECHS) Accelerated Student, you have already achieved an amazing milestone - earning your Associate's degree prior to graduating from high school. We are delighted to be a part of your continuing journey at UTEP to a Bachelor's degree and beyond. As an Accelerated Student, you are in a unique group that has some special considerations - many of which concern financial aid and scholarships. The information below is to help answer some of your questions and assist you in your journey to continuing and completing your education at UTEP.

1. Under current Department of Education criteria, students who attend a higher education institution prior to graduation from high school are not eligible for federal need based financial aid. Therefore, UTEP has made a commitment to provide scholarships for students who have:
  - a. completed their associate's degree from El Paso Community College (EPCC) prior to completing their high school diploma at a Region XIX Early College High School **and**
  - b. plan to continue their education at UTEP.
2. Students must complete an application to UTEP through [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) for both Admissions and Scholarships.
3. Students must submit this signed contract. If you are under the age of 18, parent or legal guardian signature is required.
4. Students must have earned an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree and transfer a final cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above from EPCC in order to be eligible for this scholarship.
5. This scholarship will cover only the costs of tuition and mandatory lab and course fees for a maximum of nine (9) semester credit hours (SCH) for up to two semesters (fall and/or spring, summer tuition and fees are not covered through this scholarship) prior to the student's high school graduation. Students are responsible for all other costs such as transportation, books, etc. Fees such as late fees and add/drop fees are also not covered by this scholarship.
6. Students may take more than 9 SCH per semester but are responsible for **ALL** additional tuition and fees.
7. Students must pay a one-time \$10 Student General Property Deposit in their first semester at UTEP which can be refunded after graduation.

8. This scholarship will only be provided for pre-approved academic credit-bearing courses which meet degree requirements as per your degree plan. The attached Course Approval Form must be completed by your academic advisor and submitted to the Early College High School Academic Success Center (ECHSASC).
9. Students receiving these scholarships must earn a 3.0 GPA or greater during the first semester **AND** maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (see [financialaid.utep.edu](http://financialaid.utep.edu) for full details) of the enrolled classes in order to be eligible to receive this scholarship for the second semester.
10. Upon graduation from high school, students receiving these scholarships no longer have the restrictions to federal need-based financial aid and are eligible to apply for federal and state financial aid. Students should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)), as soon as possible after January 1st of their senior year. March 1st is considered the priority deadline.
11. Please note following consequences for not completing or passing enrolled courses:

  - a. You may not be eligible to receive Financial Aid funding after high school graduation.
  - b. If courses are not officially dropped or withdrawn through the UTEP Registrar's Office, costs associated with the courses will be your responsibility.
  - c. Any and all charges assessed to your account, due to not meeting above stated requirements, must be paid before registering for future semesters at UTEP.
12. These guidelines are consistent with the rules and guidelines of the Office of Scholarships and Office of Student Financial Aid at UTEP and the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315).

**I understand that UTEP will be providing this scholarship to cover my tuition and fees as an Accelerated ECHS UTEP student should I meet all the criteria stated above. I have read and understand this contract and if I have any questions, I will contact the ECHS Academic Success Center at [earlycollegesuccess@utep.edu](mailto:earlycollegesuccess@utep.edu) to ask my question in writing.**

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Printed Student Name

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UTEP ID Number

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Student Signature

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ECHS Name

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Date

*If student is under 18 years of age, parent/guardian signature is required:*

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Guardian Printed Name

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Guardian Signature

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Date

**SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED CONTRACT TO:**

Early College High School Academic Success Center  
Mike Loya Academic Services Building, Room 206  
Email: [earlycollegesuccess@utep.edu](mailto:earlycollegesuccess@utep.edu)

**CONTACTS:**

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