

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement



I. BACKGROUND

Have you ever been arrested for any crime (including major traffic violations such as Driving While Intoxicated, etc.)?

Yes No

If so, list all such matters, even if not formally charged or if the matter was settled by payment of a fine. Include date, time, place, charge, disposition, details, and police agency on a separate attached page.

II. PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

This page contains a summary of your obligations as a participant in the Texas Police Corps scholarship program, if your application is accepted. Please read it carefully and sign below. If you have any questions about the program or your obligations, please call the Texas Police Corps at (361) 289-4240. Do not sign this document until you fully understand your obligations under the Texas Police Corps program.

I understand that, by accepting scholarship funds from the Texas Police Corps program, I agree to pursue a bachelor's degree or graduate degree, in exchange for which I will be required to complete four years of service as a police officer at a Texas law enforcement agency to which I will be assigned. The Texas Police Corps may decline to offer me an assignment following completion of training, or may remove me from the program at any time for good cause, including failure to make satisfactory progress in a course of educational study, and only after a review of my records by the Selection Committee.

I understand that, by accepting scholarship funds from the Texas Police Corps program, I will be required to participate in the 22-24 week Texas Police Corps training program which will provide me with basic peace officer training and be provided in a residential setting at a location to be determined. This program will require me to participate in academy study and hands-on, rigorous physical training related to the job of a police officer. I understand that I will be evaluated during this training for mental, physical and emotional fitness, and that if I do not meet the standards established by the Texas Police Corps, I may be removed from the program.

I understand that, if I do not complete all of the education and training requirements of the Texas Police Corps program, I will be required to repay all of the scholarship payments received from the program, plus interest at the rate of 10 percent. If I am unable to complete all the education and training requirements of the program because of a physical or emotional disability or for good cause as determined by the Selection Committee, I may complete a term of community service as assigned by the Committee to fulfill my repayment obligations.

I certify that all the information provided by me in connection with this application is true and complete, and I understand that any misstatement, falsification, or omission of information shall be grounds for removal of my application from consideration, or, if selected, for removal from the program.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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III. EDUCATION

School	Name and Address of School	Dates Attended From To Month/ Year	Graduation or Expected Graduation Date	Type of Diploma or Degree
10. High School/GED	_____	/ - /	- -	_____
11. Technical, Vocational, Or Business School	_____	/ - /	- -	_____
12. Junior or Community College	_____	/ - /	- -	_____
13. Four-year College or University	_____	/ - /	- -	_____
14. Graduate School	_____	/ - /	- -	_____
15. Other	_____	/ - /	- -	_____

16. Transcripts

Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript. If you have attended or are currently attending college, please attach an official copy of your transcript, which reflects your most recently completed semester's grades, or have the registrar's office send your official transcript directly to the Texas Police Corps.

17. Test Scores

If you have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ACT, attach a copy of your test score report.

18. Languages

Do you speak any language (s) other than English (including American Sign Language)? Yes No
If so, indicate the following:

List Language/s:	Proficiency Level Spoken	Written
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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19. List any academic honors, scholarships, or other awards you have received in high school or college.

20. Describe your interests, hobbies, extracurricular, and sports activities, including the length and nature of your involvement and any honors or awards you have received in connection with these activities.

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Attach responses to the following two essay questions. Your responses must be between 70 and 500 words in length, and must be entered below, typewritten, or printed on a computer. If you are bilingual and wish to demonstrate your ability to write in another language, you may complete one of the two essays in another language.

21. Personal Statement - Tell us something about yourself. Although you are not required to write about a specific topic, an essay that shows growth, maturity, leadership, commitment, or overcoming an obstacle would be helpful in assessing your application.

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22. Community Policing - What role do you see the police playing in the development of strong communities in Texas?

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IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant:

Please provide copies of this page to individuals from whom you request letters of recommendation. The Commission must receive at least two letters of recommendation for your consideration for the Texas Police Corps program. Letters must be from people other than your family members. For example, they may be submitted by teachers, employers, community leaders, coaches, guidance counselors, or others who can tell our selection committee about you.

Applicant's Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

The Police Corps is a college scholarship program for students who agree to work in a State or local police force for at least four years after graduation. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and administered in Texas by the Commission on Law Enforcement.

Letter of Recommendation:

The student named above has requested that you submit a letter of recommendation to the Texas Police Corps for consideration with his or her scholarship application. Please tell us as much as you can about the applicant, including information regarding the applicant's academic achievement, extracurricular activities, work experience, and other information for the Committee to consider while making their selection decisions.

Please mail the letter of recommendation directly to the Texas Police Corps at the following address:

**Texas Police Corps
745C North Padre Island Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78406**

Eligibility Requirements:

Police Corps participants are selected on a competitive basis. Students must pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree in any field. Participants must possess the necessary mental and physical capabilities and emotional characteristics to be an effective law enforcement officer, be of good character and demonstrate sincere motivation and dedication to law enforcement and/or public service.

Police Corps scholarship funds are also available to dependent children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in participating states. These scholarships may be applied to any course of study, without any service or repayment obligation.

Thank you for your support of this important program.



Equal Opportunity Data

(Optional) This information is requested for the purpose of reporting to the federal government and will not be considered as part of your application. Candidates of all races, ethnicities, and genders will be judged according to the same standards. This page will be separated from the application.

1. Gender: Male Female

2. Date of Birth: / /

3. Ethnic Origin:

White African American Hispanic

Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian/ Alaskan Other

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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

To assist the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in verifying information for Texas Police Corps scholarship recipients, I hereby give permission to any agency, bureau, department, college, university or person to furnish to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, its agents, employees or administrators, full and complete information concerning my educational information or academic records, including but not limited to, information pertaining to room and board, current GPA status, as well as, the number of semester hours that I am taking per semester.

In consideration of my participation in the Texas Police Corps program and my application for scholarship, I hereby release anyone furnishing any such information and the Commission, its agents, administrators or employees, from any and all liability, or causes of action, known or unknown, which may or could result from the divulgence of such information.

If there is a change in my address, home phone number, or name, I must notify the Texas Police Corps within 10 working days.

I have carefully read and fully understand all the provisions of this General Release and I have not relied upon any representation or statement not set forth in this document.

Signature of Texas Police Corps Applicant

Date

Name (printed)