



2026-2027 High School Scholarship

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) South Texas is pleased to announce its high school scholarship for senior high school students interested in a degree in Engineering.

ITE South Texas will award one (non-renewable) scholarship for one academic year in the amount up to \$1,000 to an outstanding high school senior during the 2026-2027 school year. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must have all the following qualifications:

1. Be a senior in high school
2. Attend a high school within the ITE South Texas Section area and;
3. Be actively enrolled as a high school senior studying to pursue a degree in science, technology, engineering, art or math.

The ITE South Texas Section area is defined as the following Counties: Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kennedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, Zavala.

The completed application must include the following:

1. One (1) signed application form (provided below),
2. One (1) High School transcript indicating a GPA of 3.0 or higher,
3. One (1) letter of recommendation by either a teacher, counselor or school principal
4. One (1) completed short-answer section (you may answer in the sheet provided or in a separate word doc).

Deadline: Please submit your scholarship application and supporting documents in a **single PDF** either mailed in an envelope or by email no later than **11:59 PM CDT Friday, October 16, 2026**. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **Friday, November 20, 2026**.

Emailed application pdf format to: Royal Bhandari (rbhandari@gftinc.com) and sotexite@gmail.com

or mailed application to:

ITE South Texas Scholarship
Attn: Royal Bhandari
PO BOX 461571
San Antonio, TX 78246

<i>Applicant Information</i>				
Full Name				
Current Address				
E-Mail Address				
Telephone Number				
<i>Educational Background</i>				
Current High School				
	City		State	
Expected Date of Graduation	Month		Year	
Area of Concentration				
<i>Academic Performance</i>				
GPA				
<i>Professional or School Affiliations</i>				
List any school, professional or community activities that you have participated in throughout your high school career. Include offices held and awards received.				



Letter of Recommendation: Provide a letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor or principal. The letter of recommendation must accompany your application.

Essay Question

Describe a person or event that sparked your interest in engineering and how that relates to your educational / career goals after high school. (max. ½ page single spaced).



Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Statement:

Artificial intelligence tools, such as large language models, have valuable applications across many fields, and transportation professionals continue to embrace innovative approaches to advance the profession. However, these tools should not be used in scholarship applications, where an applicant's own merit is the primary basis for evaluation.

We strongly encourage all applicants to complete this application in their own words and ideas. Submissions generated or written with the assistance of AI tools (such as ChatGPT or similar platforms) may not accurately represent your experiences, goals, or qualifications, and their use is strongly discouraged.

If you choose to use AI tools to assist in crafting your responses, you must clearly disclose this within your application and provide an explanation of how and why they were used.

The scholarship review committee is looking for authenticity, originality, and an honest reflection of your achievements and aspirations. While the use of AI-generated content will not automatically disqualify you, the committee will take into account the extent and manner of AI usage when evaluating your responses.

☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I have used generative artificial intelligence in developing my responses to this scholarship application, and I will provide an explanation below describing how and why I used it.

☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I have not used generative artificial intelligence in developing my responses to this scholarship application.

Response:

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: