

The Lubbock Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Chapter Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Community Foundation of West Texas

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The Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds, including scholarships to assist area students with post-secondary educational expenses. The Foundation is pleased to administer the *Lubbock ARCS Chapter Memorial Scholarship Fund*, which is described below.

Purpose:

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing a PhD in the natural sciences. These include:

- ❖ **Agriculture** (scientific research areas)
- ❖ **Arts and Sciences:** Geologic Sciences, Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Environmental Toxicology (scientific research areas)
- ❖ **Engineering** (scientific research areas)
- ❖ **Human Sciences:** Nutrition (scientific research areas)

Award:

The annual award will be for \$4,000.00 (\$2,000 each semester). The funds can be used for tuition, books, and fees only, and are paid directly to the college/university.

Eligibility Requirements:

Students who are pursuing a career that is research oriented may apply for assistance through the ARCS Scholarship Fund. These are competitive awards with the criteria of:

- ❖ Ph.D. candidate in Science, Math or Engineering
- ❖ Full-time student
- ❖ Faculty nomination
- ❖ U.S. Citizen

Selection Process:

- ❖ The Scholarship Advisory Committee will review completed applications and make recommendations to the Community Foundation of West Texas Board of Directors, which will make the final decision on the scholarship awards. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ❖ The Selection Committee will be comprised of former ARCS members and the Texas Tech University Ethics Center.
- ❖ The recipient will be announced by April 25th.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

- ❖ Scholarships will be awarded based on the availability of funds, and may be used for tuition, fees and required books.
- ❖ Scholarships will be paid to the institution of the recipient's choice, and not directly to the recipient.
- ❖ The amount of the award may cover all, or only a portion of the student's actual cost and all unused funds must be returned to the Community Foundation of West Texas.

Application Requirements:

All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted by **April 1st**.

***Please do not send the first two pages in with your completed application.**

Approved natural science subject areas include:

AGRICULTURE: scientific research areas

ARTS AND SCIENCES: scientific research areas

Geologic Sciences

Mathematics

Biological Sciences

Physics

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Environmental Toxicology (TIEHH)

ENGINEERING: scientific research areas

HUMAN SCIENCES: Nutrition (scientific research areas)

Each amount and number of scholarships are decided solely by the Community Foundation of West Texas on advice from a committee of former ARCS members after the scholar applications are received and reviewed and the information verified by the Scholarship Office of Financial Aid.

EXPECTATIONS IF SELECTED AN ARCS SCHOLAR:

1. You will authorize a press release.
2. You will submit with your Biographical Profile sheet a passport-size (2"x2") photo.

Your continued designation as a Scholar may be jeopardized if you do not participate as requested.

Signature

Date