

## Academic Competitive Scholarship and Tuition Waiver Program

### Criteria for Eligibility and Award Information

The competitive scholarships and tuition waiver program is authorized through Texas Education Code §54.213. This program provides for a \$1,000 Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Fellowship award and/or tuition waivers until all waivers and/or funds are exhausted. A tuition waiver is defined as a tuition reduction to in-state rates. The \$1,000 awards are paid directly to students by direct deposit. The tuition waivers are applied directly to the students' tuition bill at the beginning of each semester (Fall: September; Spring: January; Summer: June).

#### Criteria

Awards are granted based upon a student's academic standing and residency status.

#### Eligibility

- Applicant must be an LBJ School of Public Affairs degree-seeking student registered in a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in long semesters or a minimum of three (3) credit hours in the summer that credit toward their LBJ School degree.
- Applicant must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average and cannot be on academic probation.
- Academic Competitive Scholarship: Applicant cannot be a recipient of any University of Texas at Austin administered fellowship or award for the academic year in which they are applying.
- Tuition Waiver: All non-Texas resident students who have not already been awarded a waiver and are not eligible for a waiver as a result of student employment.

#### Awards

- Academic Competitive Scholarship: Each academic year (September 1 – August 31) scholarship recipients will receive a \$1,000 Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Fellowship award until the available funds are exhausted.
- Tuition Waiver: Each semester reduction to in-state tuition rates will be awarded until all waivers are exhausted or accompanying fellowship funds are exhausted. The waiver will be applied directly to the student's tuition bill at the beginning of each semester. Note: This waiver exempts the nonresident portion of tuition. The student is responsible for payment of resident tuition.

#### How to Apply

Complete the Academic Competitive Scholarship and Tuition Waiver Program Application and submit to the LBJ Fellowships Office at SRH 3.387 or email to [lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu). Students should expect notification regarding the committee's decision of their request of funds no earlier than two weeks after the submission of the completed application.

#### Requirement for LBJ Scholarship Award Recipients

All LBJ students who are awarded named fellowships are required to write a letter to thank the donors. Recipients must write a letter to thank the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation for their generous financial support. In this letter, please provide some background information, describe your policy interests and aspirations, and describe how this financial support assists you in your public policy goals. Thank you letters must be submitted to the LBJ Fellowships Office via email to [lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu).

Information about the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Fellowship: Since its inception, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation has dedicated itself to supporting the LBJ Presidential Library and the LBJ School through monetary support. Because of this generosity, the LBJ School continues to allocate fellowships to students who represent the next "get it done" generation, so graduates can take on effective leadership roles in public service.

#### Questions

Contact the LBJ Fellowships Office at [lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu) or at 512-471-6277.