

## PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP

### **•OBJECTIVE**

The scholarship is intended to recognize and support an outstanding undergraduate student studying to become a soil scientist at a college or university in Texas and to promote interest in careers in soil science.

### **•SPONSOR**

Professional Soil Scientists Association of Texas (PSSAT).

### **•ELIGIBILITY**

At the time of application, the student must be enrolled in a college or university in Texas, and be a sophomore, junior, or senior in a program of study that can lead to a career as a soil scientist. The student must be an undergraduate in good standing at the time the scholarship is awarded. Students seeking a second BS, BA, or equivalent degree are not eligible. The minimum completed course work necessary for consideration includes 3 semester hours in soil science and 12 semester hours in the biological, physical, or earth sciences that support soil science.

### **•SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### *Scholarship*

Includes relevance of course work to a career in soil science, difficulty and diversity of courses taken, grade point ratio, honors and awards for scholarship, and membership in honor societies.

#### *Leadership and Extracurricular Activities*

Participation in recognized clubs and organizations, soil judging teams and other judging teams, elected offices, committees, projects, and similar endeavors. Also honors and awards for leadership and extracurricular activities.

#### *Personal Traits*

Evidence of personal traits such as character, ethics, dependability, a can-do spirit, and a strong work ethic. Also includes work experience and honors, awards, or activities that reflect personal traits. These should be supported by letters of reference.

### **•AMOUNT**

One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **•APPLICATION**

Applicants must submit the following materials to the chairman of the PSSAT Scholarship Committee by **December 31, 2017: This is an absolute deadline.** *Please note - this date occurs between semesters.*

- 1) Completed application form
- 2) Brief resume
- 3) Two letters of recommendation (to be mailed with the application, but in a separate envelope sealed by recommender)
- 4) A copy of a current official transcript
- 5) A letter addressing your background, educational programs, leadership qualities and career objectives.

Application forms and more detailed information concerning the scholarship may be obtained by contacting:

**Amanda Bragg, Chairman  
PSSAT Scholarship Committee  
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San Angelo, Texas 76901**

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