



International District Export Councils Scholarship Application

District Export Councils contribute leadership and international trade expertise to complement the U.S. Commercial Service's export promotion efforts, through counseling businesses on the exporting process and conducting trade education and community outreach. The 56 District Export Councils (DECs) nationwide are organizations comprised of leaders from their local business community.

The DEC Members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. These international trade professionals use their knowledge and international business experience to act as consultants to small and medium sized businesses who want to export their products into markets outside of the United States.

For more than 30 years, DECs have served the United States by assisting companies in their local communities export, thus promoting our country's economic growth and creating new and higher-paying jobs for their communities.

The Houston DEC wishes to support those students at both the college and university level who seek to pursue careers in trade, exporting and international business; such students are the talent the U.S. will need to continue to compete and expand our export opportunities overseas in the years ahead, and build jobs in the U.S.



District Export Council (DEC) Scholarship Application for International Business *(Please type or print)*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

*Please note: This scholarship is for two students to receive **\$3,000** each, **\$1,500** per semester. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked past the deadline will not be evaluated.*

- Applicants must have applied to attend or be currently enrolled as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at an accredited university or community college in the Houston area.
- Be at least 17 years of age **and must be a citizen of the United States.**
- A legal resident of Texas for 12 consecutive months prior to completing the scholarship application.
- Be majoring in International Business Major or related field.
- Demonstrate academic potential, ability, or improvement that will be evaluated from two current and consecutive semesters.

A complete application package includes the following:

1. The completed application form.
2. A complete high school or college transcript, whichever is the most recent, sealed and stamped by the registrar.
3. One recommendation letter from faculty members of the applicant's most recently attended institution.
 - I.e., for returning college students, the letters must be from college professors.
 - Applicants who are currently attending high school may submit letters from their high school teachers.
4. Must be currently enrolled or accepted into an Export, Trade, Transportation or International Business Degree Program or related field of study.
5. Submit a 500 word "Statement of Interest" essay which describes the applicant's career or academic goals towards International Trade & Business, with an emphasis on building U.S. exports of goods and services.
 - The statement should describe why you want to pursue studies in international business and how the scholarship will serve that goal.
6. A list of "AWARDS" and "EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES" from High School or College.

Semi-finalists will be required to attend an in-person interview.



APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

Recipients of each scholarship will be selected from a group of semi-finalists. The semi-finalists will be invited to meet with the scholarship committee. The recipients will be informed of the time and location of this meeting and *must attend the interview to be considered for a scholarship.*

The application form and all supporting documents must be sent to:

Scholarship Subcommittee Co-Chair
Richard Sindelar
c/o University of St. Thomas
Center for International Studies, Tiller Hall
3800 Montrose Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77006

All material must be postmarked by May 31, 2022.

Applications that are postmarked later than this date or incomplete will not be evaluated.



NAME: _____

APPOXIMATE COST OF ONE YEARS' TUITION OR HOUSING ON CAMPUS \$ _____

MAJOR IN COLLEGE _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID _____

HAVE YOU WORKED A PART-TME JOB TO HELP SUPPORT THE FAMILY? IF SO, WHERE? HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK? HOW LONG _____

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK YOUR FAMILY CAN PROVIDE EACH YEAR? \$ _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OTHER SOURCES? _____

IF SO, PLEASE LIST BELOW:

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID	AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

AWARDS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVIES:

- ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TITLE "AWARDS", PLEASE INDICATE ANY ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDING DATES.
- ALSO, INCLUDE A SECTION TITLE "EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES".
- LIST AND DESCRIBE YOUR DEGREE OF INVOLVMENT IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES DURING HIGH SCHOOL. (COMMUNITY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, MILITARY)

ESSAY TOPIC:

WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT YOUR PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.

ALL ESSAYS SHOULD BE TYPEWRITTEN, DOUBLE SPACED, AND APPOX. 500 WORDS



CONCLUDING CHECKLIST

- THIS APPLICATION
- A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE SEALED AND STAMPED BY THE REGISTRAR
- ONE RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- LIST OF "AWARDS" AND "EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES"
- ESSAY – 500 WORDS
- IN-PERSON INTERVIEW (to be determined by Committee)

HONOR PLEDGE:

I certify that the information contained in this application and enclosed attachments are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

MM/DD/YYYY