Scholarship Description
In support of the FIRST® mission, the Whitacre College of Engineering is pleased to offer three scholarships each in the amount of $2,000, for high school seniors who have participated in FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC®) team or a FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC®) team. The scholarship is renewable up to a total of $8,000 over four years upon meeting requirements of the scholarship. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in the Whitacre College of Engineering and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Application
For consideration of the Whitacre College of Engineering FIRST® Scholarship, students must complete the admission application and the scholarship section for Texas Tech University at www.applytexas.org by February 1st of their senior year in high school. The student must list engineering as their primary major to be considered by the Whitacre College of Engineering. In addition to completing the admission and scholarship applications for Texas Tech University, students must submit an email, by February 1st to scholarships.coe@ttu.edu with the following information:

- Statement of purpose (max one page, typed, double spaced) – This statement should explain why the applicant is pursuing a career in engineering and what makes him/her unique in their ability to make a difference as an engineer.
- Letter of Recommendation (typed) – This should cover scholastic ability, general character, community service, and leadership characteristics. Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, mentor, counselor, or employer. This person must not be a relative and must be able to speak to the student’s academic studies.
- Resume
- FIRST program, name, and number of their FIRST® team.

Eligibility
- High School Senior
- Participated on a FIRST® Robotics competition (FRC) team and/or FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC) Team
- Admitted to the Whitacre College of Engineering at Texas Tech University. In order to receive the scholarship you must enrolled in the Whitacre College of Engineering with a minimum of 12 hours towards an engineering curriculum plan.
- Have a combined SAT score of 1200 (Critical Reading + Math)
Whitacre College of Engineering
In the Whitacre College of Engineering, we are building a "Community of Scholars." More than just a group of individual students, faculty, staff, and alumni, we are working together to engineer a better world now and for the future. The college is an internationally recognized research institution ranked among the best in the country. Here, award-winning faculty, intimate classes, the International Experience Initiative, and hands-on internships combine with a true community of scholars to empower students with the knowledge and experience needed to hit the ground running. Blending math, science, and creative thinking, our engineering students and alumni design solutions that transform the world. From building cities to advancing healthcare, from saving the environment to expanding humanity's knowledge of the cosmos, Texas Tech engineers are making their mark on society. Whitacre College of Engineering faculty and students pursue basic and applied research that generates new knowledge and creates technical solutions to society’s challenges, all in an environment that is committed to the individual student’s success.

Texas Tech University
From here, it's possible.
A new era of excellence is dawning at Texas Tech University as it stands on the cusp of being one of the nation's premier research institutions. Research and enrollment numbers are at record levels. Texas Tech's total research expenditures topped $140 million in 2012. Fall enrollment for 2013 eclipsed that of the previous fall with 33,111 students. Numbers like that cement Texas Tech's commitment to attracting and retaining quality students. The university strives to foster an environment that celebrates student accomplishment above all else. Texas Tech is large enough to provide the best in facilities and academics, but small enough to focus on each student individually. Quality students need a top-notch faculty. Texas Tech is home to a diverse, highly revered pool of educators who excel in teaching, research and service. In 2013, ten faculty members were awarded grants from the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, the most of any research university in the nation. Through the Fulbright program, educators are bestowed the opportunity to work side-by-side with researchers around the world promoting educational collaboration. The momentum for excellence at Texas Tech has never been greater.

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