



# **Texas Pest Management Association**

## **\$2000.00 Scholarship Application – 2025**

Applications Due Date – June 1, 2025

Texas Pest Management Association (TPMA) is the only statewide, multi-commodity, non-profit, producer organization in Texas dedicated to the development and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs. IPM programs in Texas have provided increased profitability and environmental stability for agriculture through research, education, and application.

TPMA is a grower funded and grower managed organization that cooperates directly with AgriLife Extension to implement IPM concepts at the grassroots level. The cooperation between TPMA and AgriLife Extension has created an advantageous environment for the moving of practical research from experimental field trials to applied science at the farm level. The Texas program represents an optimal approach of farm growers working directly with Extension personnel to help the program through a continuing evolutionary process. The program has allowed a two-way communication tunnel that allows Cooperative Extension to disseminate program information to growers.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Scholarships are open to undergraduate students with 60 or more hours of coursework and graduate students currently in a master's degree program who are intent on pursuing a degree in integrated pest management or closely related field of study and working in the US agriculture industry following graduation.
- Scholarship recipients must attend a Texas college/university full time.
- Scholarship recipients must be able to provide verification of enrollment.
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must be majoring in Agriculture or a closely related field.
- TPMA scholarships are non-renewable. Previous TPMA Scholarship recipients are not eligible to receive an award at the same educational degree level as a previous award.
- TPMA Board of Directors and account holders are not eligible to apply. Family members of the above-mentioned groups are eligible.
- \$1000.00 will be sent directly to the school upon receipt of all required documentation for the fall and the next \$1000.00 will be sent for the spring semester once a new GPA and transcript are submitted.
- Recipients of the scholarship will be required to send a short video prior to any award disbursement introducing themselves, their major, how their field of study relates to IPM and their plans following graduation. The video will be viewed at the annual TPMA board meeting in January of the following year.

### **Application Requirements**

1. Completed Application
  - Personal Contact Information
  - Educational Record
  - Transcript
  - Activities and Special Recognitions

2. Verification of Enrollment
3. Chosen Major of Study
4. Work & Community Service History
5. 2 Reference Letters
6. Essay Questions
7. Signed and Dated Release Acknowledgement

Directions: This application must be filled out completely and accurately. Print or type all information on this form.

### **1. Completed Application.**

#### **Personal Contact Information**

Legal Name (First, Middle, and Last):

Current Address:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Major/Minor of Study:

Parent's Mailing Address:

Parent's Home Phone Number:

#### **Educational Record**

Educational Institutions & Current Classification:

High School / College	Address	Years Attended	Degree or Diploma

#### **Transcript**

Please include a copy of academic transcript(s). The transcript does not have to be an official copy from the college/university.

## Activities and special recognitions

Attach a chronological list of all activities through which you gained special recognition in high school and college. Include activities such as student organizations, athletics, judging teams, honor societies, or any other activity showing leadership qualities.

Please use the following format (add additional lines as necessary):

School Year	Activity	Recognition

## 2. Verification of Enrollment

## 3. Chosen Major of Study:

## 4. Work and Community Service History

Organization	Task Performed	Number of Hours	Date

## 5. Reference Letters

Include at least two (2) letters of reference supporting your academic performance and career goals. Letters may not be from a relative.

## 6. Essay Questions

Each answer should be no more than one-page, typed and double spaced, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins.

1. Discuss your current and future plans concerning a career related to agriculture.
2. In your own words describe what the Texas Integrated Pest Management Program is and relate how your field of study utilizes and supports the program.
3. What does Character mean to you? Describe a recent time that you exhibited this quality?

## 7. Release of Scholarship Information

I hereby attest that the information presented to the committee is true and factual and I authorize the release of the contents of this application and information concerning my academic standing at university to the donor or official representative of any award I may receive. I approve of my name and university to be listed on the TPMA website unless I contact TPMA in writing requesting the omission.

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Signature

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Date

**Application Deadline and Required Information.** The deadline for application is **June 1, 2025**. Recipients will be notified by **July 1, 2025**. The application should be filled out completely and mailed USPS or emailed along with copies of transcript(s) and letters of reference to TPMA. Please contact [mwade@tpma.org](mailto:mwade@tpma.org) if you have questions or need assistance.

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