The Lubbock Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Chapter Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Community Foundation of West Texas

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The Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds, including scholarships to assist area students with post-secondary educational expenses. The Foundation is pleased to administer the Lubbock ARCS Chapter Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

Purpose:

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing a PhD in the natural sciences. These include:

- **Agriculture** (scientific research areas)
- **Arts and Sciences**: Geologic Sciences, Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Environmental Toxicology (scientific research areas)
- **Engineering** (scientific research areas)
- **Human Sciences**: Nutrition (scientific research areas)

Award:

The annual award will be for $4,000.00 ($2,000 each semester). The funds can be used for tuition, books, and fees only, and are paid directly to the college/university.

Eligibility Requirements:

Students who are pursuing a career that is research oriented may apply for assistance through the ARCS Scholarship Fund. These are competitive awards with the criteria of:

- Ph.D. candidate in Science, Math or Engineering
- Full-time student
- Faculty nomination
- U.S. Citizen
Selection Process:

- The Scholarship Advisory Committee will review completed applications and make recommendations to the Community Foundation of West Texas Board of Directors, which will make the final decision on the scholarship awards. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The Selection Committee will be comprised of former ARCS members and the Texas Tech University Ethics Center.
- The recipient will be announced by April 25th.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

- Scholarships will be awarded based on the availability of funds, and may be used for tuition, fees and required books.
- Scholarships will be paid to the institution of the recipient’s choice, and not directly to the recipient.
- The amount of the award may cover all, or only a portion of the student’s actual cost and all unused funds must be returned to the Community Foundation of West Texas.

Application Requirements:

All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted by April 1st.

*Please do not send the first two pages in with your completed application.*
Eligibility requirements:  

_____ Ph.D. candidate in Science, Math, or Engineering  
_____ Full-time student  
_____ Faculty nomination  
_____ U.S. citizenship

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:  
Name ____________________________________________  Tech ID R#_________________
(Including maiden name)  
Name you prefer for nametags, brochure profile, or introductions: ________________________ 
Local Address: _________________________________________________________________
(Street)  (City)  (State)  (Zip code) 
I am a citizen of the United States  ____yes  ____no 
I am a current/former ARCS Scholar  ____yes  ____no

Name of faculty member who nominated you: ________________________________________ 
Your local telephone number: _____________________ School Lab number: ________________
(From May 2017 through August 2018) 
Email address: ________________________________________________________________
Doctoral degree subject area: ____________________________________________________ 
Expected graduation date: __________________________ 
Career objective: ______________________________________________________________ 

ARCS Scholarship Applicants:

1. Submit no more than a one-page essay that describes what encouraged you to pursue your area of study. Please indicate your specific research accomplishments during this academic year and what you plan to be doing professionally in ten years.
2. Submit all undergraduate and graduate transcripts if your work was taken at an institution other than TTU.
3. Provide nomination letter from your research faculty mentor or advisor.
4. DEADLINE for cover sheet, supportive documentation and faculty reference is April 1, 2017. Material must be received by the Community Foundation of West Texas by that date. No late applications accepted.
5. Ph.D. students usually receive $4000. Scholarships are possibly renewable for a total of three years, but a new application is required each year.
Approved natural science subject areas include:

**AGRICULTURE:** scientific research areas

**ARTS AND SCIENCES:** scientific research areas
- Geologic Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Environmental Toxicology (TIEHH)

**ENGINEERING:** scientific research areas

**HUMAN SCIENCES:** Nutrition (scientific research areas)

Each amount and number of scholarships are decided solely by the Community Foundation of West Texas on advice from a committee of former ARCS members after the scholar applications are received and reviewed and the information verified by the Scholarship Office of Financial Aid.

**EXPECTATIONS IF SELECTED AN ARCS SCHOLAR:**

1. You will authorize a press release.
2. You will submit with your Biographical Profile sheet a passport-size (2”x2”) photo.

Your continued designation as a Scholar may be jeopardized if you do not participate as requested.

_________________________________________  __________________
Signature                            Date