SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Application For
Department of Physics Freshman Scholarship Award

Sam Houston State University Department of Physics Freshman Scholarship Award represents an effort on the part of the Physics Faculty to assist students who are capable of outstanding scholastic achievement. All graduates of accredited high schools that will be majoring in physics. Pre-engineering, or the dual degree physics/engineering program at Sam Houston State University is eligible to apply for the $1000 award.

IMPORTANT

Please read directions carefully before applying for the scholarship and submit information as directed below.

1. The applicant must fill in the application completely and accurately. Please print in ink or type the information except in cases where otherwise specified. Do not use pencil.
2. Applicants are required to submit the following: (a) the Scholarship Award Application, (b) an official transcript of grades earned through the first 3 1/2 years in high school, (c) three letters of recommendation as specified in Item No. 8 below.
3. Mail the application and transcript together to the Chairman, Department of Physics, Sam Houston State University, Box 2267, Huntsville, Texas 77341. Letters of recommendation should be confidential and sent directly to the Chairman of the Department of Physics.

1. Name ____________________________________________________________________________________ 

   Last      First      Middle

   NOTE: It is important that your full name appear on this application. Do not use initials except in cases where these initials alone constitute the applicant’s name. DO NOT USE NICKNAMES.

2. Home address______________________________________________________________________________

   Street     City/State/Zip

3. Parent’s name _____________________________________________________________________________

   Address___________________________________________________________________________________

   Street     City/State/Zip

4. (a) What high school did you attend? ___________________________________________________________

   (b) In which quarter of your class do you think you will rank at the time of graduation?

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   (c) What is the approximate size of your graduating class? _________________________________________

5. What special recognition, if any, did you receive for excellence in high school work, such as honors, prizes, or scholarships? __________________________________________________________________________________

6. List the extra-curricular activities in which you participated in high school, such as science clubs, science fairs, athletics, publications, dramatics, debating club work, musical organizations, or student government. Note any special recognition received such as offices held, etc.

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7. What definite plans, if any, do you have for a career? (State briefly)
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8. This item is important and requires some effort on your part. Please arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted, one from each of the following. These letters should be confidential and sent directly from the writer to the Chairman, Department of Physics, Box 2267, Huntsville, Texas 77341.

   (1) One from your school superintendent, principal, or counselor.

   (2) One from a physics or mathematics teacher.

   (3) The third letter may be from a teacher, an employer for whom you have worked, or an individual who has known you for several years.

IMPORTANT: These letters should contain definite information as to the ability and motivation of the applicant for pursuing a career in physics or engineering. They should also include specific reference to activities that reflect traits of the applicant such as initiative, stability, leadership, and integrity.

9. On a separate sheet of paper please write a brief essay about yourself. You may write about your hobbies, interests, readings, plans for future life, ambitions, or whatever you choose.

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Signature of Applicant

The Department of Physics, Sam Houston State University sponsors annually Scholarship Awards that offer scholarships to students of outstanding scholastic ability who are interested in studying physics at Sam Houston State University. The freshman scholarship will pay $1000 per year for one year. The scholarship is awarded in two payments, $500 at the time of registration and $500 at registration in the following semester.

BASIS OF SELECTION: To be eligible for any competitive academic scholarship, an entering undergraduate student must first meet the general criteria for admission to the university. Additional eligibility requirements for entering a undergraduate academic scholarships are as follows: (1) Minimum SAT score of 1140 or ACT score of 25; (2) Be in the top quarter of the graduating class; (3) Present three letters of recommendation as specified above; (4) Be judged by the physics academic scholarship committee to possess the potential for academic excellence in physics.

In order for the student to maintain his or her scholarship, the following conditions must be fulfilled: (1) Complete a minimum of 12 semester hours during a regular semester with a minimum 3.0 grade point average both overall and in physics courses; (2) Be pursuing, in an acceptable sequence, a physics major or dual degree program of study as outlined in the university catalog and in accordance with departmental advisement.

The Committee reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship or any portion of it if a student’s record or his actions, in College, prove him unworthy of the award.