**Valedictorian Scholarship**

The governing board of each institution of higher education may issue scholarships each year to the highest ranking graduate of each accredited Texas high school, exempting the graduates from the payment of tuition during both semesters of the first regular session immediately following their graduation. This exemption may be granted for any one of the first four regular sessions following the individual’s graduation from high school when in the opinion of the institution’s president the circumstance of the individual case, including military service, merit the action.

The student is to bring the original certificate, received from their high school counselor, naming him/her valedictorian of their specific accredited Texas high school to the Bursar’s Office. **It is the student’s responsibility to deliver the certificate to the Bursar’s Office once they have registered for classes. At that point, the student may request the scholarship be applied to their student account. This same rule applies when the student registers for the second semester immediately following their high school graduation. A request must be made by the student in order to have the scholarship applied. The scholarship will not be automatically applied to the student’s account at anytime.**

**Requirements:**

- Be named the valedictorian of the student’s accredited Texas high school
- Have a certificate from the State of Texas naming this student the valedictorian of their specific high school
- Use the scholarship during the first two semesters of the first regular session following the individual’s graduation from high school

**Covers:**

- Tuition and designated tuition only

Reference Education Code 54.201 for additional information
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