



**Aspire & Road to PhD Graduate Scholars Program Application
The Graduate and Professional School (TGPS)**

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Name: _____

Classification: Masters (Aspire) Doctoral (Road) Post-Baccalaureate

- Qualifications Checklist
- Completed Program Application
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Unofficial copy of transcript(s)

Please Note: All application material must be submitted as one packet.



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The Aspire and Road graduate scholar programs were designed to promote and nurture a culture of excellence in learning, and research, and provide an opportunity for academic and professional development within graduate education supporting underserved students, including but not limited to first generation and low income.

During the academic year selected, the program provides students training consisting of professional development, academic success seminars, and mentoring experiences that strengthen the graduate school experience and facilitate a smooth adjustment to the rigors of graduate education.

To apply, please complete and submit your application to The Graduate and Professional School in the Arleigh B. Templeton Building.

Submit to:

Dr. Falguni Mukherjee, *Associate Dean for Graduate Student Success*
Ryia Steps, *Graduate Student Success Specialist*
Arleigh B. Templeton Building
aspireroad@shsu.edu
936.294.2374

Mailing Address:
The Graduate and Professional School
Sam Houston State University
Box 2541
Huntsville, TX 77340
936.294.2408

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
FALL 2024 APPLICATIONS: FRI., APRIL 26

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QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

Those interested must meet the following qualifications for consideration:

- United States citizen or permanent resident
- Current Sam Houston State University (SHSU) graduate student
- Hold a 3.00 minimum grade point average
- Have been accepted into a masters or doctoral program at SHSU or are currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral program at SHSU.

I certify that I meet the qualifications stated above and I further grant permission to TGPS staff to access any of my educational records.

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME:

SAM ID:

LOCAL ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

LOCAL PHONE: () -

CELL PHONE: () -

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

HOME PHONE: () -

SHSU EMAIL:

PERSONAL EMAIL:

DEGREE PROGRAM: _____

CONCENTRATION/TRACK: _____

CLASSIFICATION:

DATE DEGREE EXPECTED: ____ / ____

- Masters
- Doctoral
- Post-Baccalaureate

OVERALL GPA: _____

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID? Yes No

IF YES, WHAT TYPE? Private Finance Loan Other

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ASPIRE AND ROAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

- The Graduate and Professional School's Website
- Social Media Platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Department Ads
- Flyer
- Referral (List referral: _____)
- Other (Explain: _____)

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, please answer both writing prompts in 500-750 words. You may attach your typed statement to the application.

1. What motivates you when faced with a difficult situation?
2. What are your career and professional goals and how will a graduate degree help you achieve them?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

To help TGPS staff evaluate your application, you are required to submit two letters of recommendation from your graduate program advisor, a teacher/professor, or someone from your community. Please do not submit a letter of recommendation from a relative or another student. The letter of recommendation must address your potential to succeed at the university graduate student level.

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Consent to Release & Agreement to Program Terms

I agree to meet the following criteria while in the Aspire & Road program:

- I agree to maintain contact with TGPS staff throughout the year.
- I agree to utilize the services that Aspire & Road Scholars Program provides.

I agree to the following borrowing policy:

- I promise that I will not attempt to sell or dispose of Aspire & Road property and that I will return all property to The Graduate and Professional School by the last day of the semester. By signing this contract, I accept full responsibility for the return of all borrowed property upon the completion of final exams and give TGPS the necessary authority to take punitive action against me to recover these and other borrowed items.

I understand and agree to each of the above privileges and responsibilities.

By signing, I certify that I have read and understand all the information on this page. I can give such consent and do so voluntarily.

Student Name

Sam ID #

Student Signature

Date

Aspire & Road Scholars Program Requirements

Attend sanctioned program workshops (schedule provided)

Complete (or submit proof of completion) a research course and present at the Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition

Engage in research and attend regular meetings, as designated by TGPS staff.

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