



**Laredo College**  
**2022-2023 PROMISE Scholars Scholarship Application**  
**DEADLINE: March 24**

The PROMISE Scholars Project will create the linkages and provide leadership development and support for eligible students to complete an Associates Degree and transfer to complete their degree in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human (FANH) science at any of the partner universities.

The maximum PROMISE Scholars scholarship is \$5,000 per academic year (\$2,000/Fall/Spring; \$500 Summer), and the amount awarded will be based on this application in conjunction with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Laredo College Application for Admission, and the LEAPS/STEM Scholars program application (optional). Students who are awarded this scholarship may be eligible for a university postsecondary scholarship of \$25,000.

The PROMISE Scholars Scholarships are merit scholarships, based on past and continued student performance in specific instructional STEM programs including but not limited to agriculture, animal health, food safety, environmental microbiology, aquaculture, and animal science. Participation in this scholarship may provide additional opportunities with our partnering universities (i.e., Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK), University of Texas El Paso (UTEP), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), and Texas State university (TSU)).

**To be eligible for the scholarship students must:**

- Must be an incoming Freshman or Sophomore and be 18 years or older.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident to be eligible for awarding of the scholarship
- Maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.75 on a four-point scale;
- Present student research/poster during the URO Symposium
- Plan to complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours within a year (fall, spring, and summer semesters or equivalent).
- Complete at least 80 percent of all semester credit hours attempted for each semester in the prior year (fall, spring, and summer semesters or equivalent)
- Participate in university tours (once COVID travel restrictions are eliminated).
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at Laredo College and have a self-declared major in one of the following:
  - Agriculture,
  - Animal Science,
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Animal health, production, and well-being;
  - Plant health and production;
  - Animal and plant germ plasm collection and preservation;
  - Aquaculture;

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- Food safety;
- Soil and water conservation and improvement;
- Forestry, horticulture, and range management;
- Farm enhancement, including financial management, input efficiency, and profitability;
- Home economics;
- Rural human ecology;
- Youth development and agricultural education, including 4–H clubs;
- Expansion of domestic and international markets for agricultural commodities and products, including agricultural trade barrier identification and analysis;
- Information management and technology transfer related to agriculture;
- Biotechnology related to agriculture;
- Big DATA related to agriculture; and
- The processing, distributing, marketing, and utilization of food and agricultural products.
- See <https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/careers> for more information on USDA career opportunities.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**The following must be submitted along with this application before eligibility is considered:**

- \_\_\_ Completed PROMISE Scholars Scholarship Application
- \_\_\_ Official High School Final Transcript or GED Certificate or Unofficial LC Transcript
- \_\_\_ FAFSA confirmation email
- \_\_\_ Have a declared STEM major
- \_\_\_ Personal Statement: Why have you chosen to pursue degree in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human (FANH) science? How will this scholarship enhance your academic and career goals? (500-750 words).

**PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL TO:**

**Selinda Martinez**  
**Cigarroa Science Complex D200**  
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**956-721-5198**

**\*\* Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**



## 2022-2023 PROMISE Scholars Scholarship Application

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	PID
Social Security #: _____		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Mailing Address: _____		City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Email Address: _____		Phone #: _____	
High School: _____		Graduation Date: _____	
Current LC student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Current GPA: _____	
STEM Field Major Declared: _____		Credit Hours registered for? _____	
Is this your first semester in college?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have academic credits from another institution? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, how many credits? _____	
Are you the first in your family to attend college?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you eligible for financial aid?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you currently part of the LEAPS program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you currently employed?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, how many hours per week? _____			
Are you receiving any other financial assistance (i.e., scholarship, loan, grant, etc.)			
If yes, please list the type of assistance you are currently receiving:			
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What university are you hoping to transfer to once you complete your courses at LC?			
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Race: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ White

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

List and describe any activities in which you have participated, such as extra-curricular activities, community service hours, science fairs, hobbies, or employment.

Year	Type of Activity

List any Honors or Awards you have received.

Year	Type of Honor or Award

**Please check the appropriate box.**

I hereby declare, to the best of my knowledge that ☐ I am / ☐ I am not related within the three degrees of consanguinity or two degrees of affinity according to law, to a member of the Laredo College Board of Trustees. An individual's relatives within the three degrees of consanguinity (blood) are the individual's: Parent or child (first degree); brother, sister, grandparent; or grandchild (second degree) or great-grandparent, great-grandchild, parent's brother or sister, brother's or sister's child (third degree). An individual's relatives within the two degrees of affinity (marriage) are: spouse, spouse's child, spouse's parent (first degree) and brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's grandparents, spouse's grandchild, spouses' brother or sister (second degree).

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I certify that this information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If my application is accepted, I agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the PROMISE Scholars Scholarship. Submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application and withdrawal of an offer of the PROMISE Scholars scholarship.

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Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

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Date

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