



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ED THOMPSON**

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Brazoria County (part)

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**REP. ED THOMPSON PROMOTES THE
TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

AUSTIN – Representative Ed Thompson announced that he is accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) for the 2020-2021 school year.

"The TASSP is a unique opportunity for students to build their leadership skills while earning college credit," Rep. Thompson stated. "I am grateful for the young men and women who commit to serve our country through the Armed Forces and am looking forward to reviewing the qualified applicants and supporting this influential program for another year."

In order to be considered for the TASSP, a student enrolling in college straight from high school must meet two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

- Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23);
- Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

Additionally, students must be enrolled in a college or university in the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 academic year in order to be nominated for the TASSP during the current nomination cycle. For more information on specific requirements, please visit <http://www.hhloans.com/> and click on the "Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)" link.

TASSP encourages students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at civilian colleges. Students are required to agree to a four-year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

These annual awards can make a significant difference in the life of high achieving students. A student may receive up to \$10,000 for the 2020-2021 school year and, dependent on available funding, may receive up to four years of awards.

If you live in House District 29 and would like to be considered for nomination by Rep. Thompson for the TASSP, please email your cover letter, academic resume and unofficial transcript to District29.Thompson@house.texas.gov no later than **June 30, 2020**. You may also contact my District Director, Liz Sitta, at 281-485-6565 with any questions. Each member of the Legislature is authorized to nominate one student.

Representative Ed Thompson is currently serving in his third term in the Texas House of Representatives and his district encompasses Pearland, Alvin, Manvel, Brookside Village, Hillcrest, Liverpool, and portions of Iowa Colony and Rosbaron. He is the Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation and serves as a member of the House Committee on Transportation.

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