



## 2024 Undergraduate Scholarship Application

The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) offers several scholarships to Juniors and Seniors enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university in Texas. Admissions open in the 1st quarter each year and award decisions are announced in the 2nd quarter of each year. Successful applicants will show a clear interest in Texas Native Plants and future plans that align with the stated mission of the Society:

“Promoting conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example.”

- The Kate Hillhouse Scholarship (KHS) was established in 2008 in memory of Kate Hillhouse, an educator, botanist, and former president of the Native Plant Society of Texas. This is a tuition scholarship of \$2,500.
- The Dr. Alfred Richardson Scholarship (DAR) was established in 2021 by Marilyn and Harry Kirk to honor their uncle, a distinguished botany professor and award-winning member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. This is a tuition scholarship for \$5,000 and is renewable for up to three additional semesters of undergraduate study if requirements are met each successive semester.

### Requirements

The applicant must

- be a junior or senior in Fall 2024, studying full-time at an accredited college or university in Texas
- major in biology, ecology, botany, landscape architecture, horticulture or related fields with an emphasis on Texas native plants or their ecosystems

In addition, applicants must meet one or more of the below:

- (KHS) planning a career related to Texas native plants and/or to the conservation and restoration of native plant habitats in Texas
- (DAR) plan to attend graduate school in preparation for a career devoted to the study, conservation, and utilization of Texas native plants
- (DAR) maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA

### Application Materials

- 1) **Completed application form**
- 2) **Transcript** for each college attended. Unofficial transcripts are accepted.
- 3) **Letter of recommendation from a professor** who is advising or instructing the applicant. The letter should address the applicant's academic abilities and intended career path. It must be emailed directly by the professor.

### Submission Directions

Submit complete application and supporting materials via email to the Grants and Scholarships Committee. Letters of recommendation should be emailed directly by professor.

- [scholarships@npsot.org](mailto:scholarships@npsot.org)

**Deadline:** Applications and Letters of Recommendation must be received by **11:59pm March 16, 2024**. The successful applicant(s) will be announced by June 1, 2024.



Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

College(s):

Major:

Minor or Area of Specialization

Ultimate degree sought (undergrad/grad):

Number of college credit hours:

Cumulative GPA:

**Awards, Activities and Future Plans** (use additional pages if needed)

List any awards, honors, scholarships, or research grants you have received in college.

Describe any college or community activities you have engaged in that are related to your interest in Texas native plants, include any offices held. In addition, you may provide any notable activities / offices unrelated to Texas native plants.

Explain how your future career will further the mission of NPSOT: "Promoting conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example."

*\*Please note: Once DAR and KHS funds are awarded, remaining eligible applications may be forwarded to NPSOT Chapters for further consideration.*

Signature

Date