

Rewards for RGV LEAD Scholars

Seniors who graduate as RGV LEAD Scholars qualify for these rewards:

GRADUATION HONORS

RGV LEAD Scholars are eligible to receive an RGV LEAD honor cord and RGV LEAD Scholar certificate to signify their accomplishments.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

RGV LEAD Scholars are eligible to compete for the RGV LEAD Scholarship ... thousands of dollars for college! (This is in addition to the savings of earning college credits in high school as RGV LEAD Scholars.)

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A student must earn distinguished level of achievement to be eligible for Top 10% automatic admission. A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:

- Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II
- Four credits in science
- The remaining curriculum requirements
- The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Students may earn Performance Acknowledgments in several ways. RGV LEAD Scholars have the opportunity to qualify through "outstanding performance in dual credit" course or for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.

RGV LEAD'S MISSION

RGV LEAD is in the business of education, partnering to engage students in college-and-career-focused learning opportunities to achieve a higher level of competence in the workforce.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Participation in RGV LEAD's programs is open to all parties without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

STATEMENT OF FUNDING

Funding for RGV LEAD's programs comes from multiple sources, including school districts, colleges and universities, economic development organizations, workforce development boards, and individual supporters. RGV LEAD is a Texas nonprofit and federal 501c3 corporation, and contributions to RGV LEAD are tax-deductible.



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**LEAD
SCHOLAR**



**Class of 2021
and Beyond**

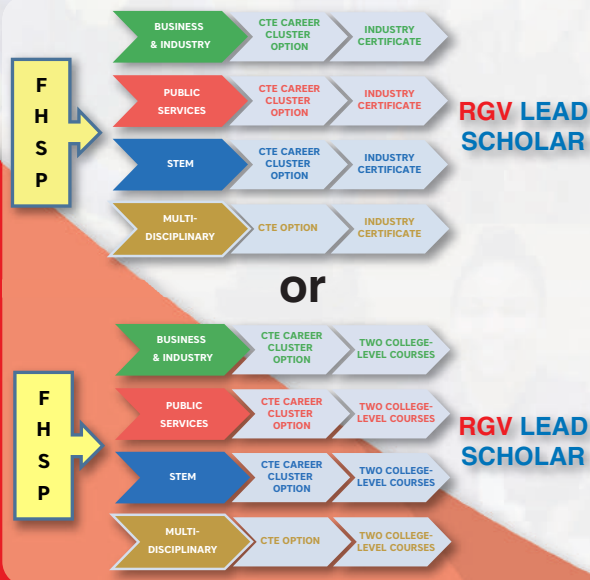
RGV LEAD Scholars Program

To graduate as an RGV LEAD Scholar, a student must meet all four of these requirements:

(NOTE: Class of 2021 has the option to meet the new requirements below or choose to meet the requirements under the old plan found at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Scholars-2021-Only>)

1. Complete all courses required for the Foundation High School Program (FHSP).
2. Complete at least one endorsement from a CTE option.
3. Earn an industry-based certificate or license through the selected CTE option **or** earn a passing grade for at least two college-level courses through the selected CTE option.
4. Complete a declaration of intent to be an RGV LEAD Scholar.



What are the Requirements?

THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (FHSP)

English: 4 credits (English I, II, III and one Advanced English course)

Mathematics: 3 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, and one Advanced Math course)

Science: 3 credits (Biology, IPC or Advanced Science, plus one Advanced Science)

Social Studies: 3 credits (U.S. History, U.S. Government (1/2 credit), Economics (1/2 credit) & World Geography, World History, or Combined World History/Geography)

Physical Education: 1 credit

Languages Other Than English: 2 credits

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Electives: 5 credits

COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE ENDORSEMENT FROM CTE OPTION IN:

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry
- Public Services or
- Multi-disciplinary

Endorsements vary from school district to school district.

EARN AN INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATE or LICENSE THROUGH SELECTED CTE OPTION or EARN A PASSING GRADE FROM TWO COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

Each college-level course must meet all of the following requirements:

- a. Must be a career and technical education course taken for high school credit.
- b. Must be a dual credit course for which the student has earned a passing grade.

Who Offers the Program?

RGV LEAD Scholars is managed by the RGV LEAD Board. Scholars programs are aligned with the Foundation High School Graduation Program and Texas Career Clusters. These RGV LEAD Partner Districts are participating:

- **Cameron County:** Brownsville ISD, La Feria ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito CISD, Santa Maria ISD, Santa Rosa ISD, and South Texas ISD.
- **Hidalgo County:** Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Monte Alto ISD, PSJA ISD, Progreso ISD, Sharyland ISD, Valley View ISD, and Weslaco ISD.
- **Starr County:** Rio Grande City CISD
- **Willacy County:** Lasara ISD, Lyford CISD, Raymondville ISD, and San Perlita ISD
- **Charter:** Vanguard Academy

How to Qualify

Check with your high school counselor to see:

- which Endorsement(s) are available at your school district
- which certificates offered by your district qualify as an industry-based certificates or licenses and
- which of your courses will qualify as college-level courses meeting the requirements for the RGV LEAD Scholars program.

STUDENT'S DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE AN RGV LEAD SCHOLAR

School District:	
Campus Name:	
City:	
Student's Name:	
Student's SSN:	
Student's District ID No., if any:	
Student's Date of Birth:	
Other Identifying Information Needed (such as advisor or homeroom teacher):	
Parent/Guardian's Name:	
Parent/Guardian's Permanent Address (including City/State/ZIP):	
Parent/Guardian's Temporary Address (if any—including City/State/ZIP):	
Home Phone No.:	
Home Email Address:	
<p>This year I am in the:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 12th Grade</p>	<p>After high school, I plan to pursue a college-and-career-focused program of study in this career field:</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>To move toward that goal, my plan at this time is to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Go to a university and get a four-year degree in _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Go to a community or technical college and get a certificate or associate degree in _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enter an apprenticeship program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Go into military service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get a full-time job</p>

The student and parent/guardian have read the information in the RGV LEAD Scholars brochure and understand that the student can change his/her decision at a future date. This document states the student's intentions at this time.

_____/_____
Student's Signature Date

_____/_____
ISD Representative's Signature Date

_____/_____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date