

General Information

The Board of Directors of the ISA Texas Channel Section has approved a scholarship program to be awarded for the 2026 / 2027 school year. Scholarships will be awarded for the 2026 / 2027 school year as follows:

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The Bill Brown Lifetime Achievement Scholarship (\$3,000)

Bill Brown is our section's only "Life Fellow" member of ISA. He was the initial organizer of the Texas Channel Section (1981) and its' first President (1982). Bill was the Instrument Maintenance Supervisor at Diamond Shamrock Chemical and retired in 1989. Preference for this scholarship is given to students whose career path indicates service to our industry.



The Steve Godkin Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000)

Steve Godkin joined the Texas Channel Section in 1986 and began to assume leadership roles on our Board in 1990. Steve served as President in 1994, Vice President in 1995 and Section Treasurer until 1998, when he died unexpectedly. Steve was not only very active in ISA but was equally involved in many church and civic activities. Preference for this scholarship is given to students who best represent Steve's service to the community.



Stuart P Foster Endowment Scholarship (\$3,000)

Stu Foster spent his entire career in the Controls and Instrumentation business in the Texas Gulf Coast and was recognized by customers, manufacturers, and colleagues as a leader in the industry. Stu was a founding member of the Texas Channel Section. During his career he served in a variety of leadership roles for the Section. Stu led the Instrumentation Business at Puffer-Sweiven when he passed away in 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. Preference for this scholarship is given to deserving students from the Houston area who intend to pursue an engineering or applied sciences college degree.



Lou Errico Scholastic Achievement Award (\$3,000)

Lou Errico was a Senior Life member, and served as the Honors and Awards Chairman for the TCS for over 16 years. Lou also held every board position available during his tenure with the TCS since the section was formed in 1981, and was an ISA member for 53 years until his death on February 21st, 2010. Preference for this scholarship is given to students who have displayed academic excellence throughout their high-school careers.

Eligibility Requirements

- Scholarships are awarded to successful applicants who are matriculated students for the 2026 / 2027 academic year at an accredited school, college, or university as full-time students pursuing a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester or quarter.
 - The applicant must be nominated by a member in good standing of the ISA Texas Channel Section. The nominating member's signature and membership number must be entered on the application for it to be considered valid.
 - The applicant must compose and submit an essay of no less than 500 words describing their future goals and the contribution that a scholarship would have in achieving those goals. The selection criteria for awarding scholarships will be based on an essay ranking system.
 - The applicant must be a High School Senior or college student, enrolled full-time, and have at least an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - The applicant must submit a certified copy of their most recent school transcript.
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- All scholarships will be submitted directly to the college or university at which the scholarship recipient is enrolled, and used to pay for normal tuition, enrollment fees, and textbooks for the specified school year. The scholarship will be made payable to the educational institution the student is, or plans on, attending.
 - Applicants are eligible to apply and be awarded scholarships in multiple years if the applicant meets the ISA Texas Channel Section's requirements of reporting back to the Section on the use of previously granted awards, and if the applicant demonstrates additional potential contributions beyond that for which the previous award(s) were based.
 - To be considered, the application and all associated documents must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2026**. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered – requests for extensions will NOT be honored.** Questions should be directed to James Haw, Education Chair, (281) 685-4031, or at jimmyhunterhaw@gmail.com.



Please print legibly using black or blue ink, or type.

LEAVE NO SECTIONS BLANK REGARDLESS OF REDUNDANCY IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THIS FORM

Personal Information			
Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Home Address: Street Address			
City		State / Province	Postal Code / Country
Email Address		Telephone Number	SS# or college/university student #1
Educational Data			
Current Enrollment	Current Enrollment (circle one and <u>type name of institution here</u>): High School / College / University Name		
	High School / College / University Address (City / State / Postal Code / Country)		
	Website URL for current school / university		Beginning Year / Expected Date of Graduation:
	Planned College / University Undergraduate Major (if currently in High School, leave blank)		
	What type of degree will you earn upon Graduation? (please place a check in the appropriate box) ☐ HS Diploma ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate		
	Undergraduate Degree(s) Already Received:		Graduate Degree(s) Already Received:
2026 Enrollment	College / University you will attend during the 2026 / 2027 academic year:		
	College / University Address (City / State / Postal Code / Country)		
	College / University Undergraduate Major		
	Website URL for University		Beginning Year / Expected Date of Graduation:
	I will be enrolled in the following type of degree program during the 2026 / 2027 academic year: ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate ☐ Other		
Reference Letters			
Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one of the letters should be from a faculty member who is familiar with your educational program. Faculty recommendations must be on High School or University letterhead. References should comment on your character and your potential for leadership, or for making a significant contribution to an instrumentation, systems, and/or automation profession. This must be based upon specific examples drawn from your course work, projects, or activities. A confidential recommendation is not required. Each letter of recommendation must be signed by the person making the recommendation.			
Reference #1 Name:		Institution Name:	
Department Name:		Telephone:	Email:
Reference #2 Name:		Institution Name:	
Department Name:		Telephone:	Email:
High School / College / University Department Head Endorsement			
To the best of my knowledge and belief, I hereby verify that the academic information and summary of school activities as submitted in this application are correct, and the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as outlined in the scholarship eligibility requirements.			
Printed Name		Signature	
Title		Telephone	Email
Name of Institution		Department	Date
Institution Complete Mailing Address			

¹ SS# will be kept strictly confidential. ALL applications will be destroyed upon completion of the review and recipient selection process



Reference Letters

Using separate, single-sided 8½ X 11 sheets, include the following information to support your application. Please type and attach your information in the order in which it is listed below.

1. Educational Record, Activities and Honors

- Include an official copy of all transcripts with this application that includes all courses attempted and/or completed to date. Degree audit forms and web documents are not acceptable. All transcripts must be legible.
- List career-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated.
- List any non-career related activities
- List academic honors, civic honors, or awards you have received.
- List any professional and honorary society memberships

2. Employment Record / Work Experience

- List all jobs you have held. Include the names of the employers, the dates of employment, and the type of work you performed. An up-to-date copy of your resume will suffice for this requirement. Employment that cannot be verified will void application.

3. Essay Question

- On a separate sheet of paper, compose an essay of no less than 500 words describing your career objectives, future goals and the contribution that a scholarship would have in achieving those goals. Comment about what you have achieved and learned through your studies and activities, and what this indicates about your character and determination. This essay should be no less than 500 words and should be typed, double-spaced.

Applicant's Certification / Permission to Release Information

I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By submitting this signed application, I authorize my college / university to make available to the ISA Texas Channel Section any and all information related to my academic records.

My signature below signifies that I understand that falsification of any information on this application disqualifies me for any current or future ISA scholarship. I also understand that all applications will be evaluated on educational achievement, work experience, and the essay submission and that any scholarship awarded to me will be awarded based on merit. I further understand that submission of an application in no way guarantees that a scholarship will be awarded, and that submission of an incomplete application will not be considered.

Scholarship Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Nominating ISA Member Signature _____ Member Number _____

Mailing Instructions

The application should be stapled with attachments in the following order:

1. Completed application that includes Department Head signature.
2. Two reference letters
3. Transcript(s) (original transcript with raised seal should accompany original application)
4. Awards and honors / extracurricular activities
5. Employment History
6. Essay

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND NO EXTENSION WILL BE GRANTED. Applications may be completed online, but hardcopies **MUST** be mailed "unfolded" in an envelope that is postmarked no later than April 30, 2026 to:

James Haw
Education Chairman
ISA Texas Channel Section
P.O. Box 1151
La Porte, Texas 77572-1151

Scholarship reviews will begin in May 2026. Award recipients will be notified electronically by May 31, 2026. The actual scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college or university (at which the scholarship recipient is, or is to be, enrolled) by July 15, 2026.

Do not contact ISA Texas Channel Section for application status. **No applications or associated documentation will be returned to applicants regardless of whether or not they receive an award, and ALL applications will be destroyed upon completion of the review and recipient selection process.** Recipient names will be listed on the ISA Texas Channel Section website by June of 2026 (<http://isatexaschannel.org/>).