**Presidential Scholars Award Application**

The Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health (JJMSPPH) Presidential Scholarship is an opportunity for dedicated public health students to engage in service-learning activities with organizations or agencies in their communities. "Service-learning" is a structured learning experience that combines community service with preparation and reflection, and results in benefits to the host organization as well as the student. This scholarship is for up to $5,000 for one academic year (Fall and Spring. Spring award is contingent upon sufficient progress during the Fall semester).

**Scholarship Requirements**

Successful Scholars will:

* Be a SPPH student and enrolled in a TTUHSC graduate program full time in Fall and Spring semesters (minimum of nine hours) of the academic year of the award.
* Maintain satisfactory progress on their degree plan and remain in good standing. If a student drops below a 3.0 GPA in one semester, he/she will lose their scholarship the next semester.
* Attend required monthly meetings with the Presidential Scholar Faculty Advisor (via Zoom) and fellow Scholars.
* Complete regular progress updates and reflections, including a progress checkpoint at the end of the Fall semester.
* Provide a final reflection paper, poster, and oral presentation at the end of the scholarship.

**Application Information:** Please complete all requested information below.

*State law requires that each student identify any relation to a current Board of Regent member. A student related to a current member of the governing board of that institution is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless the scholarship is awarded exclusively based on academic merit or is an athletic scholarship. It is a Class B misdemeanor to file a false statement. Please review a list of current Texas Board of Regent members at https://www.texastech.edu/board-of-regents/and then select the most appropriate answer below indicating your relation to any of the Board of Regent members.*

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| **Name** |  |
| **TTUHSC ID (R#)** |  |
| **Type of Student** | [ ] New [ ] Current |
| **GPA** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate** |
| **Do you speak more than one language?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Do you currently live in West Texas?\*** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Are you a first generation college graduate?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Are you a current TTUHSC clinical student?**  | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Do you currently work in public health?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Are you related to a TTUS Regent?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **Applicant Signature:** |  |
| **Date :** |  |

**Application Checklist:**

1. 1. Submit written statement (two-page double-spaced, font size 12) describing your interest in Population and Public Health. **Assuming you had all resources available, how would you solve two important public health problems in West Texas?** *We encourage applicants to highlight in this statement aspects of their background, experience, or skills that align with the MPH Program priority populations, as detailed in the Presidential Scholarship Guidelines document. Applications from all eligible students will be given full consideration.*
2. Provide a letter of support from your employer, faculty/mentor, or advisor. If the reference can speak to the subject, the letter should address the applicant’s aptitude for engaging in community health or community service work.

**Notes**:

* Submit this form along with your written statement and letter to SPPH@ttuhsc.edu.In the email subject line, please put the initial of your first name, your last name and Presidential Scholar Application (example, *J. Smith Presidential Scholar Application).*
* All applications will be evaluated to assess for AI-generated text.
* To review the SPPH Priority Population criteria, please refer to Appendix A in the ‘Presidential Scholarship Guidelines.’
* To review the application evaluation criteria, please refer to Appendix B in the ‘Presidential Scholarship Guidelines.’

This policy is reviewed annually and subject to change.