# PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
# ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2026-2027
# CHARLIE THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## OBJECTIVE

The scholarship is intended to recognize and support an outstanding undergraduate student studying to become a soil scientist at a college or university in Texas and to promote interest in careers in soil science.

## SPONSOR

Professional Soil Scientists Association of Texas (PSSAT)

## ELIGIBILITY

At the time of application, the student must be enrolled in a college or university in Texas, and be a sophomore, junior, or senior in a program of study that can lead to a career as a soil scientist. The student must be an undergraduate in good standing at the time the scholarship is awarded. Students seeking a second BS, BA, or equivalent degree are not eligible. The minimum completed course work necessary for consideration includes 3 semester hours in soil science and 12 semester hours in biological, physical, or earth sciences that support soil science.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

*Scholarship*
Includes relevance of course work to a career in soil science, difficulty and diversity of courses taken, grade point ratio, honors and awards for scholarship, and membership in honor societies.

*Leadership and Extracurricular Activities*
Participation in recognized clubs and organizations, soil judging teams and other judging teams, elected offices, committees, projects, and similar endeavors. Additionally, honors and awards for leadership and extracurricular activities will be considered.

*Personal Traits*
Evidence of personal traits such as character, ethics, dependability, a can-do spirit, and a strong work ethic. Work experience and honors, awards, or activities that reflect person traits will also be considered. These should be supported by letters of reference.

## AMOUNT

One $1500 scholarship will be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year.

APPLICATION

The following materials must be emailed to the PSSAT Scholarship Committee (scholarship@pssat.org) by **January 21, 2027:**

- Completed application form (http://www.pssat.org/college-scholarships/)
- A concise resume
- A copy of a current official transcript
- A list of completed courses providing a background and training for a career in the field of soil science. (This list should be limited to courses in the field of natural science).
- A letter from the applicant addressing background, educational programs, leadership qualities, and career objectives.
- Two letters of reference, emailed directly to the committee at scholarship@pssat.org
    - At least one letter should be from a college advisor, department head, or soils professor.

Contact scholarship@pssat.org for any questions about the scholarship or application process.

The Professional Soil Scientists Association of Texas is a 501(c)(6) organization which promotes the profession of Soil Science. Visit our website at PSSAT.org for more information.