

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust Scholarship Questions & Answers

1. Do I need to submit a FAFSA/TASFA application each year?

Yes, it is recommended to apply each year to determine eligibility for other assistance.

2. Do I need to be enrolled full-time each semester?

Yes, students are required to enroll fulltime (minimum of 12 semester credit hours per semester)

- **3.** What is the required TAMIU GPA to qualify for the LBV Trust Scholarship? An overall TAMIU GPA of 2.75 or higher is required.
- 4. How many hours of community service do I need to complete for the year in order for my scholarship to be renewed?

Students must successfully complete 30 community service hours by the end of the academic year:

- 15 hours due December 1st and
- 15 hours due May 1^{st.}
- 5. When do I need to submit my community service hours?

Students must submit the community service hours within 30 days of the service event.

- 6. Where do I submit my community service hours? Students must create an account in Trailblazers and join the LBV Trust Scholarship group. The Community Service Hours Verification Timesheet must be attachment in Trailblazers.
- 7. Where do I create my Trailblazers account?

Accounts are created online at: <u>https://trailblazers.tamiu.edu/</u>

8. Does donating items count as community hours?

Yes, we will accept up to 10 hours of community service per semester through donations.

- **9.** If organization and/or event provided their own forms will they be accepted in Trailblazers? Yes, student may use the community service form provided through the event.
- **10.** Can my community service hours count for multiple TAMIU organizations? No, hours submitted must be for one entity only.
- 11. Can my community service hours be split for two TAMIU organizations?

Yes, you may choose to split your hours between two entities.

12. What happens when I do not submit the community service hours?

A hold will be place in the student account and will not be waived and/or removed until all community service hours have been completed. Failure to complete the first deadline will cause student to forfeit Spring portion awarded.

13. If I am graduating in December, do I need to complete the 30 community hours?

No, if you are expected to graduate in December, you are required to complete 15 community service hours. Also, contact the Office of Financial Aid to adjust your file for Fall only.



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14. What is required in order for this scholarship to be renewed?

Students are required to successfully pass 24 semester credit hours between Fall & Spring semesters, maintain an overall TAMIU GPA of a 2.75+ and complete the community service hours.

15. What is the maximum time frame to qualify and receive the LBV Scholarship?

The scholarship is available for a maximum of three consecutive years.