



2020 William J. Pitstick Scholarship Application

The UMANT Scholarship Program was established in October 1995. Its purpose is to provide support for deserving, academically promising students enrolled in graduate programs at universities in the North Central Texas area; specifically, those seeking degrees in public administration, urban affairs, or a closely related field.

In 2001, UMANT chose to honor William J. Pitstick by naming the scholarship for him to recognize his years of public management service in Texas and for his unwavering support of the organization and its members.

AWARD

Multiple scholarships are available in amounts between \$500 and \$1,500. The award is to be used for tuition and fees for the recipient and is not renewable. The UMANT Treasurer will distribute the awards to the appropriate university for disbursement through its scholarship accounting system.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Enrolled in graduate school, college, or university in the North Central Texas region
- Cumulative 3.0 (undergraduate) or 3.25 (graduate) GPA for the most recently completed semester
- Current member of UMANT in good standing

FACTORS IN SELECTION

Demonstrated academic achievement and evidence of a high degree of motivation toward a career in local government will be the primary selection criteria. The student's potential as evidenced by transcript and personal statement will also be evaluated. Additionally, UMANT involvement will be favorably considered in selection.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- The application deadline is Friday, October 1, 2020.
- Finalists will be notified by Friday, October 9, 2020 to schedule an interview with the UMANT officers, if necessary.
- Winners will be recognized at the October 23, 2020 UMANT Virtual One Day Conference.

Once completed, please submit all your application and required supplemental material electronically to umantscholarship@gmail.com.



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Thank you for taking time to apply for a William J. Pitstick Scholarship! In a separate document, please complete the following questionnaire. Include any requested attachments with your application.

1. Applicant's Full Name.
2. Applicant's Complete Mailing Address.
3. Are you a current member of UMANT in good standing? Yes / No
4. Date entered (or entering) graduate school.
5. Name of Graduate School.
6. Number of semesters of graduate school completed, if any.
7. Are you currently employed in local government? Yes / No
 - a. If yes, please list your employer and title.
8. List your extracurricular activities and include any descriptions or details as attachments.
9. List the name and contact information of your references, limited to three (3) total.
10. Include two reference letters as attachments.
11. Please include a personal essay that outlines what has influenced your choice to become a public servant and describe your career aspirations. Please answer why you believe you should be considered for this scholarship. Discuss your past involvement with UMANT and how you intend on participating in the organization as you progress in your local government career. Include essay as an attachment, maximum of two (2) pages, single-spaced, 12-point type).
12. Please attach a copy of your graduate (or undergraduate if recently enrolled in a graduate program) transcript to this application.

Please direct all questions to umantscholarship@gmail.com.