

The Texas Virtual School Network

Virtual Learning Scholarships Guidelines

TxVSN Virtual Learning Scholarships

School districts and open-enrollment charter schools participating with the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) will have the opportunity to apply for TxVSN Virtual Learning Scholarships. The TxVSN Virtual Learning Scholarships program is designed to provide opportunities for students to enroll in TxVSN courses that meet the graduation requirements in the event that other funding is not available. TxVSN Virtual Learning Scholarships will be available for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

A Receiver District will receive \$100 of Virtual Learning Scholarships funding for each semester course in which Virtual Learning Scholarships were utilized that a student successfully completed.* These funds must be used to:

- Assist with the mentoring and monitoring of each district student enrolled in TxVSN courses and may also be used to:
- Assist in the purchase of additional TxVSN semester course seats for other students.

Students must successfully complete the course for the Receiver District to draw the \$100 Virtual Learning Scholarship funds. A student has successfully completed a TxVSN course when the student completes all required work and earns credit for the course.

A Provider District will receive course fee payment from TxVSN from Virtual Learning Scholarships funding for each course enrollment after the TxVSN drop period, if the enrollment was identified by a Receiver District as a Virtual Learning Scholarship course seat.

Priority will be given to public school districts and open enrollment charter schools meeting the conditions described below for fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters, Upon a review of enrollment trends, information on summer 2012 and the next school year will be communicated to participating TxVSN districts at a later date. Funding is limited, so this application must be completed to request TxVSN Virtual Learning Scholarships. Applications will be processed by priority level in the order received.

Priorities

Priority Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools

Priority 1

School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools that:

- had students enrolled in TxVSN fall 2011 courses on or before August 31, 2011 with an allotment funding designation,
 - And, either dropped some or all the student enrollments made on or before August 31, 2011, due to lack of funds,
 - Or, dropped some or all of the student enrollments made on or before August 31, 2011, and re-enrolled students in TxVSN courses for a fee.
- Students must have been enrolled for a TxVSN course through the TxVSN system to be eligible for Virtual Learning Scholarships. Students enrolled outside of the TxVSN system or directly with a course provider are not eligible.

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Priority 2

Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools that

- had TxVSN participation agreements in place on September 1, 2011.

Priority 3

Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools that

- have TxVSN participation agreements in place after September 1, 2011.

Guidelines

Fall 2011 Semester

- This application must be submitted by any Priority 1, Priority 2, or Priority 3 district or open-enrollment charter school requesting Virtual Learning Scholarships. Due to time constraints, the application submission timeline for Fall 2011 courses is short, however the submission deadline for Spring 2012 courses will provide an opportunity for those needing additional time.
 - Applications for the Fall 2011 courses are due on or before **11:59 PM, November 4, 2011.**
Applications received after this time will not be considered for Fall 2011 Virtual Learning Scholarships.
 - **Priority 1 districts or open-enrollment charters will be considered first for available funding, followed by those designated as Priority 2, followed by those designated as Priority 3.**
 - **The district designated TxVSN Administrator will be notified of the number of Virtual Learning Scholarship funded seats available by email.**
- **Please submit applications electronically to one of the following:**
 - Email: txvsncentral@txvsn.org
 - Fax: **1.713.696.3130**

Spring 2012 Semester

- Applications must be submitted by any Priority 1, 2, or 3 district or open-enrollment charter school requesting Virtual Learning Scholarships.
 - Applications for the Spring 2012 semester are due on or before **11:59 PM, December 9th, 2011. Applications received after this time will not be considered for Spring 2012 Virtual Learning Scholarships.**
 - **Priority 1 districts or open-enrollment charters will be considered first for available funding, followed by those designated as Priority 2, followed by those designated as Priority 3. The district designated**
 - **The district designated TxVSN Administrator will be notified of the number of Virtual Learning Scholarship funded seats available by email.**
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General Guidelines

- Maximum number of TxVSN semester course seats eligible for Virtual Learning Scholarships per district per semester is 25. Each district must request the number of seats that will be used per semester on the application form.
- Districts are encouraged to consider and support student success when making determinations regarding the number of semester courses taken by an individual student.
- A TxVSN Provider District may not receive Virtual Learning Scholarships monies for its own students enrolled in its own courses offered through the Network.
- TxVSN Driver's Education and Physical Education courses are not Virtual Learning Scholarships eligible.
- Virtual Learning Scholarships will be paid to the Receiving District after the end of each semester.

TxVSN Drop Policy

This policy will be strictly adhered to for all course types. ** Please read carefully.

- For a semester-paced or non-continuous enrollment course, students may be dropped within a 14-school day drop period after the instructional start date.
- For a continuous enrollment course, students may be dropped within a 14-school day drop period after enrollment date if the student joins the course after the instructional start date.
- For an accelerated course, students may be dropped within a four-school day drop period after the instructional start date.
- The \$100 Virtual Learning Scholarships to the Receiver District will not be paid if a student is dropped from a course.
- A student that is dropped within the TxVSN drop period may be substituted by another student, however, the substituted student must be enrolled in a TxVSN course within a five school day period.

*Successful completion: student completes all required work and earns credit for the course.

**Course types:

- a. Semester-paced courses follow a traditional semester schedule of 10 or more weeks in duration.
- b. Non-continuous enrollment courses have a fixed instructional start and ending date.
- c. Continuous enrollment courses have a flexible instructional start and end date.
- d. Accelerated courses are scheduled to be nine but not less than six weeks in duration.