



FIGHTING CANCER EVERY MILE

Scholarship Eligibility and Guidelines

Texas 4000 for Cancer

Eligibility:

Texas 4000 financial need-based scholarships are awarded to eligible incoming and current riders to offset the equipment costs. Approximately 3-5 scholarships are awarded per ride year. Riders may utilize their scholarship funds up until the end of their time in the program, upon the completion of the ride.

To be eligible for this scholarship,

- Must be enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin through the fall of the ride year
- Must be admitted to the Texas 4000 team
- Must complete all parts of the scholarship application
- Must be in good standing with Texas 4000 (e.g. meeting all of the team requirements) throughout the duration of their time in the program

Scholarships will be awarded to recipients based on the following eligibility guidelines in conjunction with financial need.

Maintaining Eligibility:

Each Texas 4000 scholarship requires that the recipient meets the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin through the fall of the ride year
- Must attend all Texas 4000 meetings (with the exception of 2 excused absences)
- Must meet all Texas 4000 rider requirements
 - Must complete required volunteer hours, training/biking hours, fundraising benchmarks, fitness tests, requirement points, etc.
- Must be in good standing within the progressive discipline system
- Must maintain the disciplinary expectations outlined in the Texas 4000 handbook
- Must fill-out and complete "Scholarship Check-In Report" form
 - Form will ask recipients to attach proof of attendance, completing general team requirements, etc.

The recipient must meet and complete all of the criteria listed above by the corresponding deadlines. Failure or delay in completing eligibility requirements may result in **probation, partial loss of scholarship, or complete loss of scholarship**. The recipient will receive **one strike each** time he or she misses a meeting, fails to meet rider requirements (one strike per missed team requirement), and/or fails to complete the renewal form.



In addition, it is **highly recommended** for recipients to be actively participating and contributing to the Texas 4000 team during meetings and other Texas 4000 events.

Scholarship Probation and Suspension:

(Guidelines for the Progressive Discipline System)

Texas 4000 maintains a fair assessment of the scholarship review. Before any action (either probation or complete cancellation) is taken in regards to scholarship, Texas 4000 staff will meet with the scholarship recipient in question to discuss the recipient's standing within the organization as well as the scholarship requirements. Staff will speak with the recipient before determining whether or not the recipient violated the requirements of the scholarship.

In the instances of the recipient failing to meet the scholarship criteria on time, the following recommendations for the progressive scholarship discipline system include:

- First Strike
 - This serves as a first warning to the recipient
 - A written warning will be issued to the recipient by Texas 4000 Staff via email and/or slack. Warning will include the violation and its relation to scholarship.
- Second Strike
 - Another written warning will be issued to the recipient via email. Warning will include the violation and its relation to scholarship.
 - Recipient must either attend an in-person or virtual meeting with Texas 4000 Staff
 - Probation of scholarship may result upon obtaining a second strike
 - Possible consequences may also include losing a percentage of the scholarship for missing deadlines
- Third Strike
 - Final written warning. Warning will include the violation and its relation to scholarship.
 - Recipient must either attend an in-person or virtual meeting with Texas 4000 Staff
 - Suspension/Cancellation of scholarship will result upon obtaining a third strike

Note: While this progressive discipline system is highly recommended and will be enforced, consequences may be modified depending on the severity of the situation and based on the discretion of the Texas 4000 Staff.