

# Border County Program (BCP) First-Time Application

The Border County Program (BCP) is a tuition assistance program that allows eligible F-1/J-1 visa students from Mexico with limited financial resources to pay Texas in-state tuition. This program is need-based and is not a competitive scholarship.

**Instructions:**

- Complete the 'First-time BCP application' and submit with all additional documentation:
  - Affidavit of Support (If Applicable)
  - Bank Affidavit Form
  - A paystub from each of the previous 3 months prior to submission of application OR Certified Accountant Verification letter showing annual salary earned
- Do not leave any blank spaces.
- Use "N/A" if requested information does not apply to you.
- Attach a copy of your valid passport from Mexico.

**How to Submit Form:** Submit completed form through the [Document Uploader](#) for processing.

- **Fields to select on the Document Uploader:** Department: Registrar; Term: Select Applicable Term; Category: Border County Program; Document: First-Time Application

**Deadlines:** Summer Semester: May 1 Fall Semester: August 1 Spring Semester: December 17

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Participants must:**

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Mexico.
- NOT have a U.S. Permanent Resident card or a PENDING application for U.S. permanent residency.
- Plan to return to Mexico upon completion of the education program.
- Be admitted to a UTSA degree program (Intensive English Program students are not eligible for the Border County Program).
- Demonstrate the required financial need.
- Enroll and maintain a full-time status each semester (12 hours for Undergraduate; 9 hours for Graduate).
- Maintain a minimum institutional GPA (2.0 for Undergraduate; 3.0 for Graduate).

**IMPORTANT:** Every year all Border County Program participants must re-apply and be recertified before the beginning of the fall semester in order to continue receiving in-state tuition. In addition, acceptance of in-state tuition based on the Border County Program decision does not guarantee issuance of an I-20. You must still meet all International Students requirements for the I-20.

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**Instructions:** Please read carefully and check each box below to indicate you understand the requirements and responsibility associated with the Border County Program (BCP). You must sign below and submit with the complete application.

## ATTESTATIONS FOR APPLICATION TO THE BORDER COUNTY PROGRAM

- I understand that I must maintain an institutional grade point average (GPA) minimum of at least a 2.0 for undergraduate students and a 3.0 for graduate students in order to continue to receive BCP benefits.
- I must be a citizen or permanent resident of Mexico.
- My application must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- I must submit my application in a timely manner; prior to the respective application deadline.
- My application will not be reviewed, nor will a decision be made until after all required documentation has been submitted.
- I understand the process and documents to request my Form I-20 or DS-2019 is a separate process from my Border County application.
- I understand that submission of fraudulent documentation or a misrepresentation of financial information may disqualify my BCP application.
- I understand that I cannot have a U.S. permanent residency card or pending application for U.S. permanent residency in order to qualify and continue receiving benefits from the BCP.

## STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that by submitting an application, I am stating that all information provided is true and accurate, and that I meet all the eligibility requirements.

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Student MyUTSA ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions:** List names as they appear on passports or government-issued documents.

## SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Family/Last Name* *Given/First Name* *Middle Name*

MyUTSA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status:  Single  Married

Date of Birth:      /      /      Education Level:  Undergraduate  Graduate  
*MM DD YYYY*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Permanent Address in Home Country* *Home/Apartment Number and Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State/Province* *Country* *Postal Code*

Phone Number (with Country Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously participated in the Border County Program?  Yes  No If yes, what date(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a permanent resident of Mexico?  Yes  No

Have you or any other family member applied for Permanent Residency in the U.S.?  Yes  No If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed on-campus?  Yes  No If yes, attach a copy of your employment letter that lists: 1) dates of employment and 2) salary received.

## SECTION II: PARENT/SPONSOR INFORMATION

Marital Status of Parents:  Single  Married  Divorced

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Family/Last Name* *Given/First Name* *Middle Name*

Date of Birth:      /      /      Legal permanent resident of Mexico:  Yes  No  
*MM DD YYYY*

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Family/Last Name* *Given/First Name* *Middle Name*

Date of Birth:      /      /      Legal permanent resident of Mexico:  Yes  No

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Family/Last Name* *Given/First Name* *Middle Name*

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**IMPORTANT:** Providing information which is false or incomplete can affect your participation in this program and may lead to a denial of your application.

### SECTION III: HOUSEHOLD FAMILY MEMBERS ////////////////////////////////////

List the following information for the members of your immediate family in the same household who use the same income for support. Be sure to include yourself and your parents. If you need to add additional family members, please attach a separate sheet.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	College Attending
<i>Example: Luis Miguel Castro</i>	18	Brother	N/A
		Student/Self	UTSA

### SECTION IV: GENERAL DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE ////////////////////////////////////

*"I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information and documentation presented in this application is true and correct. I have been informed that under the laws of the State of Texas, the Border County Program applies only to students who plan to return to Mexico after the completion of their studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Additionally, I understand, that I must continue to meet all requirements in order to remain eligible to receive in-state tuition."*

Applicant Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Family/Last Name      Given/First Name      Middle Name

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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