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.

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

**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-undergraduate; 9 hours- graduate)
- Maintain a minimum institutional GPA of 2.0 for Undergraduate or 3.0 for Graduate

**Instructions:**
- Complete the ‘First-time BCP application’ and submit with all additional documentation:
  - **First-time application** (Handwritten applications will not be accepted.)
  - **Bank Affidavit Form**
  - **Affidavit of Support** (if applicable)
  - **Monthly pay stubs for the 3 months prior to submission of the application OR Certified Accountant Verification of Proof of Business Ownership with Bank Affidavit Form.**
- 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.
- Attach documents that support the financial information listed on the application.
- All applications must be received by the Office of the Registrar.
- First-time applications will only be accepted in person or must be mailed to the address below:

  **Campus Location:** MS 2.02.24  
  **The University of Texas at San Antonio**  
  **Office of the Registrar**  
  **One UTSA Circle, MS 2.02.24**  
  **San Antonio, TX 78249**

**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.
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.

☐ 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: ___________________________________________ MyUTSA ID: ________________

Student Signature: __________________________________________________ Date: _____________________
SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

List your name as it appears in your passport.

_____________________________ ________________________________
Family / Last Name           Given / First Name                     Middle Name

MyUTSA ID:__________________ Marital Status:☐Single ☐Married

Education Level: ☐Undergraduate ☐Graduate

_______________________________
Permanent Address in Home Country

City __________________________ State/Province __________________________ Country __________________________ Postal Code __________________________

Phone Number with Country Code _______________________________________

Have you previously participated in the Border County Program? ☐Yes. When? ___________________________ ☐No

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

List the names as they appear in the passports or government issued documents.

_____________________________ ________________________________
Father’s Family / Last Name      Father’s Given / First Name       Father’s Middle Name

_____ / _____ / __________
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Legal permanent resident of Mexico: ☐Yes ☐No

_____________________________ ________________________________
Mother’s Family / Last Name      Mother’s Given / First Name       Mother’s Middle Name

_____ / _____ / __________
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Legal permanent resident of Mexico: ☐Yes ☐No

_____________________________ ________________________________
Sponsor’s Family / Last Name     Sponsor’s Given / First Name       Sponsor’s Middle Name

_____ / _____ / __________
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Legal permanent resident of Mexico: ☐Yes ☐No

With a few exceptions, you are entitled on your request to be informed about the information U.T. San Antonio collects about you. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review this information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to have U.T. San Antonio correct information about you that is held by us and that is incorrect, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the University of Texas System Business Procedures Memorandum 32.
SECTION II: 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.

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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.”

__________ ________________ __________________________
Printed APPLICANT Family / Last Name Given / First Name Middle Name

_________________________ __________________________
APPLICANT Signature Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

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

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