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## SENATOR SPARKS TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applicants, Deadline for Submission to Sen. Sparks is August 24<sup>th</sup>

AUSTIN—Texas State Senator Kevin Sparks announced that his office is now accepting applications for Texas Senate District 31 college-ready students who are planning a military career. “I believe military service is an honor and I look forward to assisting our brave servicemen and women in their pursuit of a higher education. It is my sincere hope that our prospective servicemembers take advantage of this incredible opportunity and I look forward to reviewing each application.”

Annually, each State Representative and State Senator may appoint one student to receive up to \$15,000 through the Texas Armed Services Scholarship. Prospective applicants must meet specific criteria and make a four-year commitment to a qualified military service branch. The program encourages students to complete a baccalaureate degree and become a member of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Selected students must meet two of these four academic criteria:

1. Be on track to graduate or have graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program, the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program, or the International Baccalaureate Program;
2. Have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
3. Have achieved a college readiness score on the SAT of at least 1070 or at least 23 on the ACT;
4. Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

Students who wish to apply for a nomination should visit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Student Loans webpage, which can be found at: <http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=8FB593C7-EE1E-7872-00A8808886543AEE>. **The deadline for Senate District 31 residents to submit an application to Senator Sparks’ office is August 24, 2023.** Applications may be e-mailed to [mikael.garcia@senate.texas.gov](mailto:mikael.garcia@senate.texas.gov) with the subject line “Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program Application,” or, alternatively, the application may be mailed to the following address:

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