



## 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 2017 Semester: May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fall 2017 Semester: July 7<sup>th</sup>

### Eligibility requirements:

- 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)
- Have submitted all required documentation to International Student Services for issuance of a Form I-20 or DS-2019
- Participants must 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)
  - Tax Return** (Declaracion Bancaria Jurada)
- 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 International Programs (OIP).
- First-time applications will only be accepted in person or must be mailed to the address below:

**The University of Texas at San Antonio**  
**Office of International Programs/International Student Services**  
**Attention: BCP**  
**One UTSA Circle, MB 1.210**  
**San Antonio, TX 78249**

**IMPORTANT:** Every year all Border County Program participants must re-apply and be recertified before the beginning of the following fall semester in order to continue receiving the in-state tuition.



**Attestations for application to the Border County Program**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner 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

Banner ID: @ \_\_\_\_\_      Gender:  Male  Female      Marital Status:  Single  Married      \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Education level:  Undergraduate                       Graduate

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Birth                      Country of Birth                      Country of Citizenship                      Country of Residency

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Address in Home Country                      Home or Apartment Number and Street

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number with country code                      Preferred E-mail address (application decisions will be sent to this address as listed)

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; Who? \_\_\_\_\_  No

Are you employed on-campus?    Yes    No

If yes, attach a copy of your employment letter which lists, 1) dates of employment, 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 Name                                      Father's Given Name                                      Father's Middle Name

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)                      Legal permanent resident of Mexico:  Yes                       No

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Birth                      Country of Birth                      Country of Citizenship                      Country of Residency



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Family Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Given Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Middle Name

Legal permanent resident of Mexico:  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
City of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Citizenship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Residency

*Other Sponsor: If you do not have surviving parents, or if you live with someone else on a full-time basis, provide that person's name and relationship to you below.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Family Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Given Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Middle Name

Gender:  Male  Female Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal permanent resident of Mexico:  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Citizenship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Residency

**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.

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO	IS THIS PERSON IN COLLEGE? NAME OF THE
<i>Example: Luis Miguel Castro</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>No</i>
1.		Myself	Yes, University of Texas at San Antonio
2.			
3.			

**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 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Given 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.
- This application must be signed by the applicant and the parents/sponsors in the presence of a public notary in Mexico. Applications received without a signature and date will not be reviewed.