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E4Texas Application

What is E4Texas?

Welcome to the E4Texas: *Empower, Educate, Employ, Excel* application website. E4Texas is for people who have graduated from high school, or have a GED, and want to be a Personal Care Attendant.

The E4Texas experience combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences in addition to independent living skills and self-determination.

E4Texas has three goals.

1. Empower Texans to become self-determined & independent.
2. Educate Texans to gain employment skills, as well as professional and independent living skills.
3. Employ Texans in the area of Personal Care Attendants and related fields, and who will Excel in life!

E4Texas has three semesters that must be completed.

1. Summer Semester - Bridge to Career (B2C)
B2C is a 4-week college prep program. Students live on campus at University of Texas at Austin and learn independent living and self-determination skills. Students must pass B2C to move forward in E4Texas.

Housing and meals are included in the Summer session.

2. Fall Semester – E4Texas: *Educate, Empower, Employ, Excel*
Students go to classes on The University of Texas at Austin campus and at community partner organizations. Fall builds on the skills learned in the summer and adds the Personal Care Attendant classes. E4Texas Fall semester combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences.

Housing and meals are not included in the Fall session.

3. Spring Semester – E4Texas Internship
Students participate in internships in the community as well as maintaining community involvement and some classes.

Housing and meals are not included in the Spring session.

After successful completion of all three semesters, E4Texas students receive a Certificate of Completion from the Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas Austin.

How do I apply for E4Texas?

The application process consists of four parts.

1. Complete the application questions.
2. Create an essay and resume.
3. Identify two references who can complete a short survey.
4. Submit the completed application and registration fee. All application packets must be fully completed and submitted with a \$50 application fee in order to be considered. Any incomplete packets received will not be reviewed for consideration into the program.

You will need to print out the application, fill it out, and mail it to us:

Our mailing address is:

The University of Texas at Austin
Texas Center for Disability Studies – E4Texas Program
10100 Burnet Road, Bldg 137, Ste. 1.154
L4000
Austin, TX 78758

Admission is competitive, so apply early. Eligible applicants will be invited to participate in an interview. Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance status. Review of applications begins the third week of March, and remains open until the E4Texas class reaches capacity.

If you have any questions, please email us at: E4Texas@austin.utexas.edu

Contact Information:

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Student Cell Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Student Professional Email (If student does not have a professional email, please create one). Example: johndoe12@gmail.com

Confirm Professional Email Address

Emergency Contact:

Name (first and last)

Home Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Cell Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Is someone assisting you to complete this application?

- YES
- NO

(If yes is selected)

Who is helping you complete your application?

- Parent
- Teacher
- School Counselor
- TWC/DARS Counselor
- Other (please specify their relationship to you.)

Guardianship

Are you (the applicant) your own full legal guardian?

Yes

No

(If no)

If you are not your own full legal guardian, does your guardian have:

Full Guardianship

Partial Guardianship

(If Full Guardianship is selected)

Who is your guardian and what is their relationship to you?

(If Partial Guardianship is selected)

Please provide information regarding the type of partial guardianship that is in place:

To find out more information and alternatives to full guardianship visit:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/legal-information/guardianship>

Supports and Accommodations

Do you require any supports or accommodations? *Please note that the need for supports or accommodations does not prevent you from being accepted into the program.*

Do you receive support or accommodations at home?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the specific supports and accommodations you need for home.

Do you receive support or accommodations for transportation?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the specific supports and accommodations you need for transportation.

Do you receive support or accommodations for a disability at work?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the specific supports and accommodations you need for work?

Do you or did you receive support or accommodations for a disability at school?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the specific supports and accommodations you need for school.

Educational Information:

Name of High School

Graduation Date (XX-XX-XXXX)

Type of Diploma Earned

- Minimum
- Recommended
- GED
- Other (Please Explain)

If Other:

Do you have a Counselor at your high school with whom you are working?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

If you have a counselor, is she/he a:

- General Education/School Counselor
- Transition Counselor
- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)/Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services/(DARS) Counselor
- Other

Counselor's Contact Information:

Counselor's Name

Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Email

Do you have any postsecondary education (i.e. community college transcripts/degrees awarded or other certificates?)

Yes

No

If yes, please explain

Name of postsecondary school

Graduation Date (XX-XX-XXXX)

Diploma/Certificate Earned

Experience

Do you have any extracurricular activities to list (i.e. community volunteer work, clubs, etc.)?

Yes

No

Extracurricular Activities (i.e. community volunteer work, clubs, etc.):

First Organization:

Activities in first organization:

Dates of first organization:

Second organization:

Activities in second organization:

Dates of second organization:

Third organization:

Activities in third organization:

Dates of third organization:

Do you have any jobs, internships, work-related volunteer placements to list?

- Yes
- No

Jobs, Internships, Work Related Volunteer Placements (list most recent first):

Employer:

Your Duties:

Dates:

Second employer:

Your duties at second employer:

Dates at second employer:

Third employer:

Your duties at third employer:

Dates at third employer:

Do you have any experience working as a Personal Care Attendant or similar?

- Yes
- No

Experiences Working as a Personal Care Attendant or similar?

Employer:

Types of Supports You Offered:

Dates:

Second employer:

Types of Supports You Offered:

Dates:

Third employer:

Types of Supports You Offered:

Dates:

Do you have any other knowledge, skills, or abilities you would like to list (i.e. sign language, etc.).

Yes

No

If yes, please list

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Independent Living

The information below is used to help us establish your level of independence. Your answers will not hinder your application. Please check all the skills below that you currently possess.

I...

- Spend time away from home in a social setting without my parents
- Understand how body language communicates with others
- Show respect for others
- Keep my parents notified of any schedule changes while out in a social setting
- Discuss assignments or academic concerns with teachers
- Use a computer (social media, gaming, email)
- Create documents using computer software such as Microsoft Word or PowerPoint
- Schedule or cancel an appointment
- Use a calendar to keep track of important dates
- Arrive time for class or school activities
- Complete homework on time
- Responsible for personal property (laptop, cell phone, etc.)
- Understand the importance of and exhibit good personal hygiene
- Prepare meals for myself
- Able to do my own laundry
- Drive a car
- Use public transportation alone or with a group
- Read and follow a map
- Manage money transactions
- Budget personal funds
- Use a personal debit/credit card
- Shop and purchase items

Other Information:

Are you a citizen of the United States?

Yes

No

Date of Birth (XX/XX/XXXX):

Do you speak any languages other than English?

Yes

No

If yes, please list language, fluency, level (i.e. fluent, intermediate, beginner).

What is your preferred language?

Do you have a criminal record? Please note that a background check will be run on all applicants.

Yes

No

If yes, please explain.

Other Information:

Race/Ethnicity (Check All That Apply):

- White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black/African American
- American Indian
- Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Other

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other

Do you have a disability(ies)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list:

Financial Information:

As a student in this program, you will be financially responsible for tuition, housing and meals for the fall and spring semesters, transportation and all other living expenses.

I will receive financial support from the following sources (check all that apply):

- Government Agency (i.e. Texas Workforce Commission, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services)
- Private Pay (i.e. self, family, etc.)
- Scholarships
- Other (i.e. loans, etc.)

If a Government Agency will be contributing, please provide:

Government Agency:

Contact Name (First and Last):

Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Email:

Verify Email

How did you find out about E4Texas?

- Internet
- TWC/DARS Counselor
- Teacher
- School Counselor
- Transition Officer
- Transition Fair
- Other (please elaborate)

Essay Questions:

Creating an essay is an important step to completing your application. Please answer the following questions for your essay in your chosen format (i.e. PowerPoint, Word document, video, audio recording, etc.)

Essay questions include the following:

1. In your own words, describe the E4Texas Program.
2. What sort of work does a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) do?
 - a. Why do you want to be a Personal Care Attendant (PCA)?
 - b. How do you feel that the E4Texas program will prepare you for your intended career as a Personal Care Attendant (PCA)?
3. How do you feel that the E4Texas Program will prepare you for success in life?
4. What part of the E4Texas Program do you feel will be the hardest and the most exciting, and why?
5. Is there anything else you want us to know about you that can help us decide if the E4Texas program is right for you?

Essay and Resume:

Essay and Resume: Please add your essay and resume on separate sheets of paper at the end of this application. If you choose to do video or audio recording, please include that electronic file using a USB or flash drive. USB or flash drive cannot be returned.

Mailing Address:

- Mail application and documents to:
University of Texas at Austin
Texas Center for Disability Studies – E4Texas Program
10100 Burnet Road, Bldg 137, Ste. 1.154
L4000
Austin, TX 78758

References:

Please ask two people, who know you well, to provide you with references. Do not include family members and friends. You may include employers, teachers, counselors, or others you know in some professional capacity. Please make sure your references complete the questions by the third week of March.

All information provided by references is confidential, unless stated otherwise.

It is your responsibility to make sure your references complete this step in your application process, otherwise your application will not be considered complete.

Please direct your references to our websites so they can complete a short survey:
<https://disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/e4texas>

Please enter the full name for your two references

Reference #1

Reference #2

Signature:

By signing this application, you are providing permission for E4Texas admission staff to speak with your references, counselors, former teachers, employers, family members, and others as appropriate specific to the information you completed as part of this application. By signing, you certify that all information on this application is true.

Applicant Signature

Date

If applicable, Application Support Signature

Date

Thank you for submitting your application for the E4Texas program.

DISCLAIMER: All documents belong to the E4Texas Program once you submit your application. If you have any questions, please email us at E4Texas@austin.utexas.edu.

E4Texas Check List

If you are mailing your application, please make sure you have included the following:

- Completed application
- Essay
- Resume
- Contacting your references and directing them to the E4Texas website:
<https://disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/e4texas>
- Application Fee of \$50. Check or money order made out to: *The University of Texas at Austin*

Mailing Address:

- Mail application and documents to:
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