



## Early Bird 13 Scholarship Application

**Submission Deadline:** See [PCN website, Financial Aid](#)

**Scholarship Award:** Selected recipient will receive \$1,300 off the total \$6,600 program fee.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must meet early bird date, a date prior to normal cohort application deadline.
- Applicant must complete all other program application requirements by early bird date to be eligible for scholarship award.
- Alumni are eligible to apply for both the Early Bird 13 and Alumni 13 Scholarships but may only be awarded one.
  - You may submit similar essay content for both applications if relevant to the specific questions.
  - Be mindful of separate deadlines and requirements for each.

**Applicant Requirements - All Steps Must Be Completed:**

1. Pre-Requisite:
  - Complete the online application, including payment of the application fee.
2. Scholarship Cover Page:
  - Download and complete the cover page at the end of this document.
  - Save as: EARLYBIRD13CP\_LAST NAME
3. Essay Responses:
  - Respond to all essay prompts in one Word document.
  - Format: 12 pt. Times New Roman, single-spaced, minimum 250 words per response.
  - Save as: EARLYBIRD13ER\_LAST NAME
4. Recommendation Letter:
  - Obtain a letter of recommendation from your intended Campus Principal Mentor.
  - Save as: EARLYBIRD13RF\_LAST NAME
5. Submission:
  - By the application deadline, email the completed cover page, essay responses, and recommendation letter together in one submission to: [leadership@esc13.txed.net](mailto:leadership@esc13.txed.net); Subject Line: Early Bird 13 Scholarship Application – [Your Full Name]



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### Cover Page Application Information:

Full Name (as listen in online application)	
Preferred Phone Number	
Preferred Email Address	
Full Name, Location, Phone Number, and Email Address of Campus Principal Mentor (from Recommendation Letter)	

### Essay Questions:

Texas has made the Principal as Instructional Leader a statewide priority. As an aspiring leader, your participation in Region 13's Principal Certification Network (PCN) is a critical step in advancing this goal. In your responses to the prompts below, reflect on how your experiences, aspirations, and leadership capacity align with the future of school leadership in Texas.

#### 1. Leadership Vision & Readiness

- A) What motivates you to pursue a school leadership role? Why do you want to lead a campus?
- B) How will you intentionally grow from an invested educator into an impactful, effective principal?

**Note:** *If you are seeking principal certification to serve in a leadership role that supports campus principals (e.g., district leadership), tailor your response to reflect that connection.*

#### 2. Balancing Demands & Sustaining Growth

Leadership roles are demanding, and completing PCN while working full-time requires strong commitment, resilience, and adaptability. What time management strategies and social-emotional wellness practices will you implement to remain focused, balanced, and successful throughout the program?

**3. Scholarship Justification**

Why should you be selected as a PCN scholarship recipient over other qualified peers? What unique strengths, perspectives, or contributions do you bring to the program and the future of school leadership?