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\$500 Scholarship Offered to High School Seniors
Scholarship to help build awareness of the need for tissue donors.

SAN ANTONIO – Every day, thousands of people are searching for a tissue, organ and cornea donor. A single tissue donor can help more than 50 of those searching for that life enhancing donation. There is a nationwide shortage of these types of donors and it directly impacts our community.

To help create awareness about this great need, **the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center's (STBTC) Tissue Services Department is holding a \$500 scholarship essay contest for high school seniors.**

Simply write a 500 word essay on how you would convince someone to register to become a tissue donor and submit it via mail to the Tissue Services Department at STBTC no later than April 30, 2010. Any 2009-2010 high school senior in Bexar, Hidalgo, Nueces, Cameron or Willacy counties is eligible for this scholarship.

We are looking for an essay that has factual, emotional and personal appeal. For more scholarship rules and guidelines, please visit the Tissue Program page at www.southtexasblood.org.

To help alleviate the deficit of donors in this country, we encourage everyone to register with the Glenda Dawson Donate Life- Texas Registry and talk to your family about your wish to be a tissue, organ and cornea donor. It's the best way to ensure your wishes are carried out and to give new life from death.

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