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Donations to the William P. Hobby Center of Public Service can be made in any amount. Texas State gratefully accepts donations of any amount that support its public service mission. The William P. Hobby Center for Public Service gratefully acknowledges contributions to its 2024-25 annual programs for Texas. Contributions are recognized in the following categories.

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Donations of $25 - $499 can be made online by going to the Texas State University donation page which is donate.txstate.edu and type in "William P. Hobby" in the search for a specific fund designation.

The Benefits

Donor Recognition and Benefits

Century Club donors and above will be recognized in Texas State University William P. Hobby program announcements and literature. Donors will also be recognized at Texas State University William P. Hobby Center for Public Service functions and events. In addition, donors will be recognized in Hobby Center literature that is provided to elected officials, managers and staff at all levels of government. Information about donations will also be made available at the William P. Hobby Center web page (williamphobby.org).

"We are looking into the future and it is enlightening."
- William P. Hobby Jr.

The University

Texas State University:
The Public Service University

Texas State University is one of Texas' largest universities. Its current enrollment is over 35,000 undergraduate and graduate students. It is one of the leading universities in Texas with a public service mission and orientation.

Texas State has developed outstanding national and state accredited academic & professional programs in public service, public administration, education, health services, criminal justice, geography and planning. It also provides accredited professional development and training to employees, managers and supervisors in the public, private and not for profit sectors through its nationally accredited Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program

Texas State is proud to be the alma mater of former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Its mission is to provide outstanding service to the Texas public.

The first graduation of Texas State's CPM program was conducted in December 1996 at the Texas Capitol. The graduation speaker was former Texas Governor and President, George W. Bush. (center) Joining the graduates are Texas State President Emeritus Jerome Supple (far right), Political Science Department Chair, Dr. Cynthia Opheim, retired (far left) and Dr. Howard R. Balanoff (second from the left), Director of the William P. Hobby Center for Public Service.

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William P. Hobby Center for Public Service

The mission of the William P. Hobby Center for Public Service is to instill the ethical values and technical competencies associated with outstanding public service.

Celebrating 25+ Years of Service

The Challenge

Texas State University Capital Campaign:

An appeal for the

William P. Hobby Center for Public Service

The William P. Hobby Center for Public Service seeks to raise funds for public service student and faculty programs, fellowships & scholarships. The purpose of the funds is to provide the highest quality professional development and educational services in Texas.

The Hobby Center for Public Service currently provides support for the public service and public administration programs which are already in place at Texas State University. The programs are:

The Master's (MPA) Program in Public Administration
Created in 1974, the Texas State MPA Program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The MPA program currently has about 70 students enrolled. Many of these students are managers and supervisors of Texas state and local governments.

The Bachelors' (BPA) Program in Public Administration
Established in 2000, the Texas State BPA has quickly become one of the most popular majors on the Texas State campus. Currently more than 100 students have enrolled and are seeking a BPA degree.

The Texas Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program
In 1995, Texas Governor George W. Bush and the National Consortium of Certified Public Managers designated Texas State University as the lead university responsible for delivering the Texas Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program throughout Texas. Texas State now heads a consortium of Texas universities that offer the Texas CPM program to public and not for profit employees throughout the state. These universities include the University of Texas at Arlington, the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech University, Stephen F. Austin State University, the University of Texas of Rio Grande Valley, Texas A&M International University and the University of Houston.

The Visiting International Scholars in Texas (VISIT) Program
Over the years, the Hobby Center has provided support for international students and faculty. The goal is to internationalize our Texas State academic and certification programs. Additional funding would help the Hobby Center to expand its state and national reputation beyond the US.

Collaboration with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) & the Texas City Management Association (TCMA)
The Hobby Center collaborates with national and Texas State public administration & public policy organizations such as the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the Texas City Manager Association (TCMA). The Hobby Center sponsors Good Governance Worldwide, the ASPA Journal/ Website and sponsors academic and professional symposiums for ASPA's local, regional and national conferences.

The William P. Hobby Center for Public Service

In April 1998, Texas State received a $1 million endowment from the Hobby Family Foundation in Houston, Texas. As a result, of the endowment, the name of Texas State University's Public Service Academy was changed to the William P Hobby Center for Public Service.

The Hobby endowment established the William P. Hobby Professorship, Texas CPM and PA scholarships and a Distinguished Lecture Series in honor of former Texas Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby Jr..

The Hobby Center was established to provide a mechanism through which Texas State could carry out its service mission. Many of the university's public service programs originated with former President Lyndon B. Johnson, an alumnus of Texas State University and continued through the efforts of former Texas Lt. Governor William P. Hobby Jr.

The William P. Hobby Center for Public Service provides services for public organizations and non-governmental organizations throughout the state of Texas and beyond.

The Hobby Center Capital Campaign

A Capitol Campaign for the William P. Hobby Center for Public Service

This Capitol Campaign seeks to raise contributions toward student and faculty scholarships, internships, and management fellowships in public service. In addition to providing resources to undergraduate and graduate students, funds generated by the campaign will allow for expansion of the services and programs of the Hobby Center, so that Texas State University can continue to offer the highest level of educational services to its students, faculty and managers in the public and not-for-profit sectors in Texas. The Hobby Center scholarships and fellowships will provide funding to students enrolled in the academic and certification programs at Texas State University. The Hobby Center also provides support for other universities in Texas that offers the Texas Certified Public Manager® (CPM) program. The Hobby Center programs that are created will allow students to be taught by the highest quality faculty that have practical experience in governmental affairs and administration.

Outside funding will allow high quality research to be conducted by faculty and students in those areas that have a significant impact on Texas such as taxation, the economy, and the environment. Research conducted by the Hobby Center will be coordinated with research conducted in other areas at Texas State such as the environment, health, education and criminal justice. Examples of Centers & Institutes with which joint research would be conducted includes Texas State University's Meadow's Center for Sustainable Water Resources and the Institute for Governmental Innovation.

The Hobby Center focuses primarily on public service and public administration issues important to Texas. The mission of the Hobby Center is compatible with and not competitive with other Texas schools of public administration and public affairs such as The LBJ School at the University of Texas, the Bush School at Texas A&M and the Hobby School for Public Affairs at the University of Houston.

Management and Academic Fellowships For Graduate Study at the Master's and Doctor's Level
Donations will raise funds for public service management, research, teaching fellowships and internships.

Public Service Faculty Fellowships
Donations will create fellowships for adjunct faculty teaching in academic and/or the continuing education programs in public service. Donations may carry the name of the donor or the donor's designee.

Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Participant Scholarships
Donations will create scholarships for participants in the Texas CPM program. Donations may carry the name of the donor or the donor's designee. Since the CPM program is conducted throughout Texas, the holder of the CPM participant scholarship could reside anywhere in Texas. The scholarships could be used at any of the Texas universities that conduct the Texas CPM Program in cooperation with Texas State. Universities currently offering the CPM Program include Texas Tech (Center for Public Service), Stephen F. Austin State University (Political Science Department), University of Texas of Rio Grande Valley, University of Houston, Texas A&M International University. Several scholarships for the Texas CPM Program have already been established. These include scholarships that were funded by the original gift from former Texas Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby, The Barney Knight scholarship, established by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) and the Steve Springer Scholarship, established in honor of Dr. Steve Springer (retired), Professor in the Texas State University Occupational Workforce Leadership (OWL's) Department and Texas CPM Program.

In addition to individuals, not for profit or private sector organizations can make contributions to the Hobby Center. Recipients of donated funds can have their names earmarked for scholarships, fellowships etc. Since the Texas CPM program is offered statewide, scholarship recipients can be located anywhere in Texas and can attend any Texas CPM program.

"CPM is a pioneer program for the State of Texas"
- George W. Bush