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### **Graduate Assistantship (GA)**

#### **Application**

Deadline: March 1

Appointment: Fall-Spring Semesters

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be unconditionally accepted to a graduate degree program.
2. Applicant must have a minimum overall 3.0 GPA.
3. Applicant must be enrolled full-time during the semesters of appointment.
4. Applicant must be pursuing a graduate degree from Sam Houston State University during the semesters of appointment.
5. Applicants for the Teaching Assistant must have completed at least 18 hours of graduate study.
6. Applicant must complete the information below, including the two-page essay question.
7. Applicant must include three letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the applicant's potential for success as a GA or TA. (If the student would like to use the three letters provided upon application into the graduate program, they are not required to obtain new ones unless they wish to do so.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

The following will be taken into consideration:

1. academic achievement
2. importance and quality of contributions and/or activities related to the area of assistantship
3. 3 reference letters
4. teaching/research/performing experience

Applicants should describe in an essay: (Please attach your essay typed and double-spaced, 1-2 pages)

- General academic/performance record and teaching experience
- Career goals and motivation
- Teaching philosophy

Please send your completed application electronically as an attachment to [dlp037@shsu.edu](mailto:dlp037@shsu.edu).  
or deliver a hard copy to:

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