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_____, has been declared the highest ranking graduate of the senior class of 2016 at _____ High School which is a Charter School accredited by the Texas Education Agency and is entitled to the tuition exemption authorized by Texas Education Code, Section 54.301.

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## Chapter 54, Section 54.301
## Highest Ranking High School Graduates

The governing board of each institution of higher education may issue scholarships each year to the highest ranking graduate of each accredited high school of this state, exempting the graduates from the payment of tuition during both semesters of the first regular session immediately following their graduation. This exemption may be granted for any one of the first four regular sessions following the individual's graduation from high school when in the opinion of the institution's president the circumstances of an individual case, including military service, merit the action.

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**Signature of Authorized School Official**

*This declaration must be presented to the public college or university upon admission to claim exemption from tuition as specified in the law cited above. You can verify authenticity by contacting the Texas Education Agency at 512/936-6060 or hrg@tea.texas.gov.*