



The TCTA Scholarship Program was established by the late Charles and Phyllis Gottlieb to provide financial aid to students who are not at the top of their class, do not have other scholarship opportunities, and who face current hardships or challenges that might make higher education or career/vocational training difficult or even impossible to attain without assistance. Rather than focusing on academic records, TCTA will select award recipients based primarily on the qualities they have demonstrated that make them likely to succeed if given the chance.

**Eligibility:** Students must be nominated by a high school teacher or counselor. To be nominated, a student must:

- be a high school senior
- be a U.S. citizen and reside in Texas
- demonstrate financial need (at or below twice the federal poverty level)
- have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, and
- demonstrate traits of strong personal character and potential for success, as determined by the nominating educator.

Preference will be given to students who are first in their families to seek higher education, and to those whose family incomes do not exceed twice the poverty level (as defined by the U.S. Health and Human Services Department). TCTA membership of a nominator or the parent of a nominee is neither an advantage nor a disqualifier. However, teachers and counselors may not nominate their own children.

**Awards:** Scholarships may be awarded in amounts of up to \$5,000 per year for tuition and required fees to assist students pursuing courses of study leading to recognized degrees at accredited two- or four-year colleges, community colleges or career/technical schools. The amount awarded will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Any discounts or tuition waivers and other financial assistance the student receives will be considered when determining the amount of the scholarship. Scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years based on satisfaction of criteria and available funding, though renewal is not guaranteed. To be eligible for renewal consideration, recipients must maintain good academic and disciplinary standings, earn a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and complete at least 12 academic units per semester or equivalent for a grade.

**Applications:** Student applications are incomplete and will not be considered by the scholarship committee until the following materials are received:

1. completed student application
2. official, sealed transcript from registrar's office
3. high school teacher/counselor nomination form (Nominator may submit directly to TCTA online or via mail, or student may mail with above materials.)

Submit these materials online at [scholarship.tcta.org](http://scholarship.tcta.org) (or to the address below) by May 1, 2017:

TCTA Scholarship Program  
Texas Classroom Teachers Association  
PO Box 1489  
Austin, TX 78767-1489

TCTA will notify scholarship recipients in July 2017.

For more information, contact TCTA by email at [scholarship@tcta.org](mailto:scholarship@tcta.org) or by phone at **888-879-8282**.



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Please answer each question thoroughly and accurately. Failure to respond to any question in its entirety may result in disqualification of your application.

### Teacher/Counselor Nominating Student for Scholarship

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominator must be a high school-level teacher or guidance counselor.*

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Nominee

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Correspondence will be mailed to nominees during the summer.*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information

Have any members of your family (parents, grandparents, siblings) obtained a four-year college degree?

Yes  No

How many adults and children live in your household and depend on your parents' financial support?

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### Priority Schools

Please list below, in priority order, any accredited institutions of higher education or career/vocational institutions that you are considering attending:

Top Priority School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Application       Accepted       Pending       Have not yet applied

Tuition & Required Fees per semester (not including housing, books, or other expenses)

\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Discount (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you have chosen your top priority school. (maximum of 100 words)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Application       Accepted       Pending       Have not yet applied

Tuition & Required Fees per semester (not including housing, books, or other expenses)

\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Discount (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Application       Accepted       Pending       Have not yet applied

Tuition & Required Fees per semester (not including housing, books, or other expenses)

\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Discount (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_



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**Financial Aid**

Have you received any scholarships, grants, tuition discounts, or do you anticipate that you may? If yes, please list the values or amounts sought. (Please include any amount sought or awarded based on your FAFSA application, including the TEXAS Grant. If you do not include the Federal Pell Grant amount from your FAFSA, we will assume you have received the maximum amount of \$5,815.)

Scholarship/Grant	Status of Application		Amount Awarded or Sought
	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	

**Other Required Materials**

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I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### TCTA Scholarship Program Waiver

I grant the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) permission to use any information provided to TCTA in conjunction with my or my child's application to the TCTA Scholarship Program from this date forward in any and all of its publications, advertising, or any other publicity regarding the TCTA Scholarship Program. I understand and agree that these materials will become property of TCTA. I authorize TCTA to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute them for any lawful purpose. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product. I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the information contained therein. Upon request, I will provide a statement to TCTA regarding the importance of the TCTA Scholarship in attaining my educational goals.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(if student is under 18)*

Nominee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_