



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 (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 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 _____ Title _____

Grade Level/Subject Taught _____

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

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Correspondence will be mailed to nominators and nominees during the summer.

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Student Nominee

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

School District _____ School _____

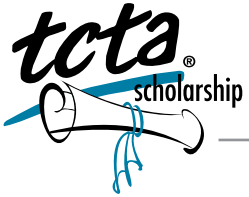


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Questions for Nominator (Teacher or Counselor)

In what capacity, and for how long, have you known the nominee? (maximum of 400 words)

What is your primary reason for nominating this student? (maximum of 400 words)

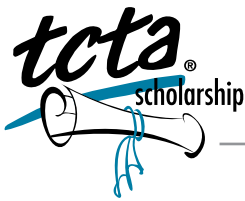


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Questions for Nominator (continued)

What attributes does the student have that would make him/her successful in higher education if given the opportunity? (maximum of 400 words)

What current hardships, special circumstances, or obstacles to higher education does the student face? (maximum of 400 words)



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Nominator: Please complete and give this form to your student nominee.

You have been nominated for a Texas Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship by:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School District _____

School _____ Title _____

Grade Level/Subject Taught _____

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If you are interested in being considered, please complete the student application at scholarship.tcta.org/forms by May 1, 2017.

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