



Texas Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship Fund

The TCTA Scholarship Fund was established by the late Charles and Phyllis Gottlieb to provide financial aid to students who are not at the top of their class and who have faced hardships or challenges that may 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.

Teacher or counselor nominations are required. To be nominated, a student must:

- 1) Be a high school senior;
- 2) Hold United States citizenship and reside in Texas;
- 3) Demonstrate financial need;
- 4) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- 5) Demonstrate traits of strong personal character and potential for success, as determined by the nominating educator.

The scholarships are available to assist students pursuing a course of study leading to a recognized degree at an accredited two- or four-year college, community college or career/technical school. Preference will be given to students who are first in the family to seek higher education, and to those whose family income does not exceed twice the poverty level (as defined by the United States Health and Human Services Department). TCTA membership of a nominator or the parent of a nominee will be neither an advantage nor a disqualifier in the awarding of scholarships. Applicants may not be nominated by a teacher/counselor who is the nominee's parent.

Scholarships will be awarded in amounts of up to \$5,000 per year for tuition and required fees. The amount awarded will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Discounts or tuition waivers and other scholarships received will be considered when determining the amount of the scholarship awarded. Scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years based on satisfaction of criteria and available funding, though renewal is not assured. In order 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.

The completed application must be submitted online (or received at the address below) by the nominating teacher/counselor by June 1, 2012 at www.tcta.org/scholarship. An official sealed transcript and completed waiver form, which can be found at the end of this application, must also be received at TCTA Headquarters by June 1, 2012 at:

TCTA Scholarship Fund
Texas Classroom Teachers Association
P.O. Box 1489
Austin, TX 78767-1489
scholarship@tcta.org

For more information, contact TCTA by e-mail at scholarship@tcta.org or by phone at (888) 879-8282.



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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2012

Nominator Information (Teacher or Counselor)

First Name Last Name

School District School Grade Level / Subject

Nominee Information (Student)

First Name Middle Name Last Name Date of Birth

*Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone Number E-mail Address

School District School

Graduation Date GPA Class Rank

*Correspondence will be mailed during the summer.

Questions for Nominee (Student)

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

Have any members of your family (parents, grandparents, siblings) obtained a four-year college degree ? Yes No

Number of adults and children residing in the household and dependent on parents' financial support?

Please check approximate annual gross income from all earners in the home before deductions:

0 to \$15,000	\$55,001 to \$65,000
\$15,001 to \$30,000	\$65,001 to \$75,000
\$30,001 to \$45,000	\$75,001 to \$85,000
\$45,001 to \$55,000	\$85,001 to \$95,000
	\$95,001 and above

What are your educational/career goals (maximum of 400 words)?

To what extent do you plan to contribute to the costs of your higher education (tuition and fees, books, housing and meals) and how? (maximum of 300 words)

What obstacles would make it difficult for you to pursue your educational goals in the absence of scholarship funding? Are there any additional obstacles or special circumstances in your life that you would like the scholarship committee to be aware of in considering your application? (maximum of 400 words)

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

School	Status of Application		Tuition & Required Fees per semester (not including housing, books, or other expenses)	Tuition Discount (if applicable)
Top Priority	Accepted	Pending		
Second Choice	Accepted	Pending		

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

Have you received any additional scholarships, grants or tuition discounts or do you anticipate that you may? If yes, please specify including value or amount sought. (Be sure to include any amount sought or awarded based on your FAFSA application, including the TEXAS Grant.)

Scholarship/Grant	Status of Application	Amount Awarded or Sought
	Accepted	Pending
	Accepted	Pending
	Accepted	Pending
	Accepted	Pending
	Accepted	Pending

Please be sure to provide your most recent official transcript and completed waiver form.

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

Signature (Student)

Date

Electronic Submissions: Your electronic submittal of this document certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.



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TCTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAIVER FORM

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.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature
(if Student is under 18)

Date

Nominee's Signature

Date