



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

Beginning Teacher Scholarship Guidelines: 2021-2022

"Supporting Public Education in Texas"

Beginning Teacher Scholarship Application Process:

The Beginning Teacher Scholarship is intended to reimburse an applicant for certification tests and test results, and to provide money to help the applicant purchase materials for the classroom for his or her first year of teaching. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) will award 25 \$750 scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year to candidates who are referred by an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), have earned or are earning an undergraduate or master's degree at a Texas university or college, and have taken or are planning to take their teaching certification exam or pursuing alternative certification. Applicants may download the application from the TRTF website at www.trtf.org beginning September 14, 2020. All applications must be *received in full* by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 25, 2021. **Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Scholarship Applicant Eligibility:

An applicant must:

1. have taken or be scheduled to take a Texas teacher certification exam(s) in 2020 in preparation to begin teaching in the fall of 2021 or spring of 2022.
2. be referred by an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA).
3. have earned an undergraduate or master's degree and a teacher's certification or alternative certification by August 31, 2021.
4. submit his or her application and legible college transcripts by 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2021.

How to Apply for a TRTF Student Scholarship:

1. Download the application at www.trtf.org.
2. Complete and submit the application by email (sarah@trta.org) or U.S. Mail.
3. The application and required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm on February 25, 2021.

Scholarship Application Review:

The TRTF Scholarship Review Committee will review all scholarship applications competitively.

Notification of Scholarship Recipients:

The names of the twenty-five 2021-2022 TRTF scholarship recipients will be announced on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or e-mail. **PLEASE NOTE: Recipients must have fulfilled all requirements for certification to become a teacher in Texas and submit proof of certification completion before receiving scholarship funds, as well as proof of employment with a Texas school district for the fall 2021 or spring 2022 semester.**

Additional Information or Questions:

Interested applicants can find additional information in the "Initiatives" section of the Foundation website (www.trtf.org), by calling the Foundation office at 512-476-1622 or 1-800-880-1650 and asking for Sarah Richardson, or by emailing sarah@trta.org.

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Guidelines:

Students must have taken or be scheduled to take the Texas teacher certification exam in 2020 or have completed an alternative certification in anticipation of beginning their teaching career during the fall of 2021 or spring of 2022. Applicant must have an undergraduate or master's degree by August 31, 2021 and be referred by an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA). Applicants must submit a transcript from his or her college or university demonstrating completion or projected completion of degree program. Deadline for submitting *completed* applications, including transcripts, is February 25, 2021 by 5:00 pm. **Note: Recipients must submit proof of graduation and certification before receiving scholarship funds, as well as proof of employment with a Texas school district.**

Applicant's name: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Name of University: _____ GPA: _____

Major area of study: _____ Minor: _____

Texas teaching certification test date(s) (MM/DD/YY): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Need:

Are/were you employed while attending college? Yes No If yes, part-time or full-time? PT FT

Are/were you the recipient of a student scholarship or scholarships while attending college? Yes No

Are/were you the recipient of a student loan or loans while pursuing your college education? Yes No

Do you presently have an outstanding educational loan balance? Yes No

My Personal Motivation:

On a separate sheet of paper (**must be typed**):

1. Briefly explain your **extracurricular activities and experiences outside the classroom** such as work experience, volunteerism, club memberships, sports, fine arts, etc. **as well as any awards or accomplishments earned during your college experience.** (Maximum 200 words)
2. Briefly explain your **vision and aspirations for public education in Texas** and **what unique ideas you plan to bring to your classroom** to enhance your students' learning environment. (Maximum 200 words)

Name and address of the TRTA member to whom you are being referred by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Items to be submitted with this application:

1. College or university transcripts featuring GPA
2. My Personal Motivation document, sections 1 and 2.

Submit completed applications (including transcripts) by 5:00 pm on February 25, 2021:

EMAIL: sarah@trta.org Subject line: Scholarship Committee

MAIL: Texas Retired Teachers Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
313 E. 12th St. Ste. 220, Austin, TX 78701