



# Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

Beginning Teacher Scholarship Guidelines: 2023-2024

*"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 20 \$750 scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year to college seniors who are earning an undergraduate degree at a Texas university or college, or first-year public-school educators. Applicants may download an application from the TRTF website at [www.trtf.org](http://www.trtf.org) beginning September 16, 2022. All applications must be **received in full** by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023. **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 preparation to begin teaching in the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024 or be in his or her first year of teaching in a Texas public school.
2. submit his or her application by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023.

## **How to Apply for a TRTF Beginning Teacher Scholarship:**

1. Download the application at [www.trtf.org](http://www.trtf.org).
2. Complete and submit the application by email ([sarah@trta.org](mailto:sarah@trta.org)) or U.S. Mail. Please choose only one method of submission.
3. Submit the application and required documents so that they are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023.

## **Scholarship Application Review:**

The TRTF Beginning Teacher Scholarship Review Committee will review all applications competitively.

## **Notification of Scholarship Recipients:**

The names of the twenty 2023-2024 scholarship recipients will be announced on Friday, March 31, 2023. Winners will be notified by email, and the names of the recipients will be shared on the TRTF website and Facebook. **Please note: College senior scholarship recipients must provide proof of employment with a Texas school district before December 31, 2023. (If you are a first-year educator, this requirement does not apply).**

## **Additional Information or Questions:**

Interested applicants can find additional information in the "Initiatives" tab of the Foundation website ([www.trtf.org](http://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](mailto:sarah@trta.org).

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College Senior Application Form

Is the applicant a college senior? If so, please fill out this portion of the application. **Please note: Recipients must submit proof of employment with a Texas school district by December 31, 2023 or forfeit the scholarship.**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major area of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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 scholarship(s) while attending college? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are/were you the recipient of a student loan(s) 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)

**Submit completed applications by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023:**

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

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**First-Year Teacher Application Form**

Is the applicant a first-year Texas teacher? If so, please fill out this portion of the application.

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**My Personal Motivation:**

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

1. Briefly explain what unique ideas you have brought to your classroom to enhance your students' learning environment. (Maximum 200 words)
2. Briefly explain how you plan to use the scholarship funds and how they will positively impact your students' learning and your classroom. (Maximum 200 words)

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