



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

First-Year Teacher Scholarship Guidelines: 2024-2025

"Supporting Public Education in Texas"

First-Year Teacher Scholarship Application Process:

The First-Year Teacher Scholarship is to provide funds to assist the recipient in purchasing materials for his or her classroom. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) will award 35 \$1,000 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to first-year public-school educators. Applicants may download an application from the TRTF website at www.trtf.org beginning September 15, 2023. All applications must be **received in full** by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024. **Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Scholarship Applicant Eligibility:

An applicant must:

1. be employed in a Texas public-school district and be teaching in the classroom.
2. submit his or her application by 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024.

How to Apply for a TRTF Beginning Teacher Scholarship:

1. Download the application at www.trtf.org.
2. Complete and submit the application by email (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 or before January 26, 2024.

Scholarship Application Review:

The TRTF First-Year Teacher Scholarship Committee will review all applications competitively.

Notification of Scholarship Recipients:

The names of the 2024-2025 scholarship recipients will be announced on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Each recipient will be notified by email and the names will be shared on the TRTF website and Facebook. Those applicants who were not a recipient will be notified individually by email.

Additional Information or Questions:

Interested applicants can find additional information under the "Initiatives" tab 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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Applicant's name: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employment

Name of School: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Grade level(s): _____ Subject(s): _____

Principal's Signature: _____

My Personal Motivation:

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

1. Briefly explain what unique and creative 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. Please include specifics and rationale. (Maximum 200 words)

Submit completed applications by 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024:

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

OR

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