



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

Beginning Teacher Scholarship Guidelines: 2019-2020

"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 21 \$750 scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year to candidates who are relatives of 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 1, 2018. All applications must be *received in full* by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019. **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 2018 in preparation to begin teaching in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020.
2. be a relative of 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, 2019.
4. submit his or her application and legible college transcripts by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019.

How to Apply for a TRTF Student Scholarship:

1. Download the application at www.trtf.org.
2. Complete and submit the application by email (help@trtf.org) or U.S. Mail.
3. The application and required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm on February 28, 2019.

Scholarship Application Review:

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

Notification of Scholarship Recipients:

The names of the twenty-one 2019-2020 TRTF scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2019 Convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association during the Foundation breakfast. The convention will be held in Austin, Texas on April 1-2. Winners do not need to be present to win and will be notified by telephone and/or e-mail after the Convention. **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 2019 or spring 2020 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 Cindee Sharp or Sarah Richardson, or by emailing help@trtf.org.

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Guidelines:

Students must have taken or be scheduled to take the Texas teacher certification exam in 2018 or have completed an alternative certification in anticipation of beginning their teaching career during the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020. Applicant must have an undergraduate or master's degree by August 31, 2019 and be a relative of 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 28, 2019 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 related:

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 28, 2019:

EMAIL: help@trtf.org Subject line: Scholarship Committee

MAIL: Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

Attn: Scholarship Committee

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