

TAGT Scholarships and Grants

Applications available at <http://www.txgifted.org/insights>

TAGT Summer Scholarships

These scholarships are designed for identified gifted students who are currently participating in a gifted program, and who want to attend academic or artistic programs during the summer months. The scholarship awards have a maximum of \$400 and are available for students, K-12. The highest-scoring elementary student and secondary student applicants are chosen as Ann Shaw Scholars and receive \$500 each. Scholarship winners must complete and return the necessary paperwork by June 15 or the award will be forfeited. Please note that for accounting purposes scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner.

Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. The winner of this annual award must demonstrate outstanding leadership.

Future Vision Scholarship

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Future Vision Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving these goals.

Parent/Educator Scholarships

The Parent/Educator Scholarships are for adults who wish to further their knowledge and understanding of gifted education. These scholarships may be used for programs during the summer or during the school year and may range up to \$400. From the applications submitted, one adult is chosen as the Carole Vermillion Scholar and receives an award of \$500.

The Laura Allard Grants for Excellence Awards

The Laura Allard Grants for Excellence are available to educators, parents, and nonprofit organizations for the development of innovative programs benefiting gifted and talented students. These awards range up to \$1,000 and may be awarded twice a year. The deadline for spring applications is March 1, with notification made by April 15. The fall application deadline is November 1, with notification made by December 15.

General Application Instructions – Application deadline is March 1

Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing the application.

Please note that applying for a scholarship through TAGT does not constitute application to a specific program; you must make application to the summer program of your choice directly; TAGT does not run a summer program. TAGT awards and scholarships are contingent upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner for accounting purposes.

- **Student applicants in public schools must be currently identified as gifted and participating in a gifted program.** Students in private schools or home-schools may be eligible to apply. Those parents should contact the TAGT Associate Director for additional information.
- **A current TAGT member must sign as a sponsor.**
- Student applications may be typed or handwritten, but must be the work of the student. Any typed portion of the scholarship application must be in a font size of at least 12 points.
- Applicants must adhere to the space limitations.
- Applicants must not submit samples of their work or any portfolio items. Information of this type will be removed from applications prior to evaluation.
- Submit only the required number of recommendations. Any additional letters of recommendation will be removed from the application prior to evaluation.
- The best written responses discuss the strengths of the applicant and give detailed examples. They are specific to the individual and help the evaluators understand the personality of the applicant.
- Incomplete applications are not considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application packet is complete. See each application for a complete list of required materials.
- No more than one summer scholarship is awarded to an individual within a three-year period.
- The maximum amount for a summer scholarship award is \$400.

TAGT Summer Scholarship Application Information

1. Complete the information on the General Information Page. You will need the signature of the TAGT sponsor on this page.
2. You can find the full Summer Scholarship application on the following website:
<http://www.txgifted.org/files/2009/Insights-2009-summer-scholarship-app.pdf>

Print off the full scholarship application. Since you have completed the General Information Page, your child will need to complete Part 1A and Part 1B which requires an answer to the following questions:

1A. What would you like TAGT's Scholarship Committee to know about you?

1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?

3. The parent or guardian will need to complete the Part 2 which requires an answer to the following question:

What would you like TAGT's Scholarship Committee to know about your child?

Be sure to make a strong recommendation for your child, elaborate on your responses, and focus on your child's strengths. Be sure to give specific examples and include supporting evidence from outside of the school environment.

4. An educator, mentor, community member or adult other than the parent would need to complete Part 3 of the application. This person would need to provide his/her relationship to the child and should make a strong recommendation for the child by answering the following question:

What makes this student deserving of a TAGT Scholarship?

5. Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:

- General Information Page
- Student Summer Scholarship Application, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2
- Adult/Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

6. Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

7. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2009. Students will be notified of their status by April 15, 2009. Scholarship awards are mailed 10-14 days after receipt of Summer Scholarship Confirmation Form.
8. If you have any questions about the TAGT Scholarship application process you may visit the TAGT Summer Scholarship FAQ at <http://www.txgifted.org/files/pdf/Scholarship%20FAQ.pdf>.