



Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Summer Scholarship FAQ

What is a TAGT Summer Scholarship?

TAGT Summer Scholarships are designed for gifted and talented students, grades K-12, who wish to attend academic or artistic programs or camps during the summer months. TAGT will award up to \$400 to those students who qualify. In 2006, TAGT awarded 102 summer scholarships totaling over \$28,000.

A TAGT Summer Scholarship application is completely separate from an application to actually attend a summer program or camp. Students must apply directly to the summer program or camp in order to be accepted to attend; the TAGT Summer Scholarship is designed solely to help pay for the cost of attending such programs.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any child who lives in Texas and has been identified as “Gifted and Talented” is eligible for a TAGT Summer Scholarship. TAGT does accept applications on a case-by-case basis from students in private schools and homeschools, where gifted students may not be formally identified. Contact TAGT’s Associate Director for specific information.

Where can I get a TAGT Summer Scholarship application?

You can find the scholarship application form on the TAGT website at www.txgifted.org. It is contained in TAGT’s annual directory of scholarships, grants, and awards, *Insights*. This directory, updated every December, also contains a listing of many worthy academic and artistic programs available during the summer.

What are the income requirements?

There are NO income requirements. The scholarships are awarded based entirely on the quality of the responses to the questions on the application.

What is involved in the application?

The application has four questions that must be completed. There are two questions for the student to answer in his/her own words, one question the parent or guardian answers, and one question for another adult who will make a recommendation.

Do I have to become a member of TAGT for my child to receive a scholarship?

Although TAGT strongly encourages you to become a member, it is not required in order to apply for or receive a TAGT scholarship. The application *does* require someone who is a TAGT member to “sign on” as a sponsor.

If I am not a member, how can I locate a TAGT member to become a sponsor?

Find out at your child's school if his/her G/T teacher is a member of TAGT and eligible to sign it. If not, try the district director of gifted programs or advanced academics. You can also contact the TAGT Regional Director for your area (see the TAGT website at www.txgifted.org) and they can likely assist you. It is perfectly acceptable to join TAGT at the time of the scholarship application and be the sponsor for your own child.

How large is a TAGT scholarship?

A student can receive up to \$400 for an academic or artistic summer camp/program. If the program only costs \$100, then the award would be \$100. If the program costs \$1,000, then the maximum is \$400.

What types of camps/programs are covered with this scholarship?

TAGT Summer Scholarships are awarded to students who wish to attend summer programs/camps with an academic or artistic focus. There is no formal list of acceptable programs; all programs listed in *Insights* are acceptable, but a student is not restricted to only those programs.

How often can someone receive a TAGT summer scholarship?

A student may receive a TAGT summer scholarship once every three years.

How is scholarship money awarded?

All applicants should receive notification from TAGT by April 15 as to whether or not they have received a scholarship. If a scholarship has been awarded, a one-page form must be completed and returned to TAGT, along with a letter of acceptance from the program a student plans to attend. Scholarship checks are made payable to the student AND the summer program for accounting purposes.

When is the deadline to turn in the scholarships?

The scholarships **must** be postmarked no later than March 1. They must be mailed directly to TAGT at 1524 South IH 35, #205, Austin, TX 78704. Faxes and electronic applications are NOT accepted.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact TAGT's Associate Director, Tracy Weinberg, at 512-499-8248 x205, or e-mail him at tweinberg@txgifted.org.