



TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED

2020 TAGT Summer Scholarships

The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) offers scholarships to help gifted students, grades K-12, attend summer programs. The TAGT Summer Scholarships are based upon merit, not financial need. ***The deadline for TAGT scholarship applications is February 28, 2020. All applicants will be notified of their status by April 6, 2020.*** Learn more about TAGT at www.txgifted.org.

TAGT Summer Scholarships

These scholarships are for identified gifted students, grades K-12, who are currently participating in a gifted program. The maximum summer scholarship award is \$400. Students may use these scholarships to attend programs with an academic, fine arts, or performing arts focus. The scholarships cannot be used for sports or recreational camps.

The highest-scoring elementary student and secondary student applicants are chosen, respectively, as the Carole Vermillion and Ann Shaw Scholarship winners and receive \$500 each. The **Ann Shaw Student Scholarship** honors Ms. Shaw, a founding member of TAGT and the first director of the Division of Gifted and Talented for the Texas Education Agency. The **Carole Vermillion Scholarship** honors Ms. Vermillion, a parent advocate and also a founding member of TAGT.

Summer scholarship winners must complete and return the required confirmation form by June 15 or the award will be forfeited. Please note that for accounting purposes scholarship checks are made payable to the program unless the tuition has been pre-paid. Direct payment to the student's parent can be made only when the tuition has been pre-paid and a receipt for payment is sent to TAGT with the confirmation form.

TAGT Scholarship Application Directions

Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing a TAGT scholarship application.

- All TAGT scholarship applications must be submitted by **Friday, February 28, 2020**.
- **Applicants in public schools must be currently identified as gifted and receiving services in a gifted program. Verification must be obtained by providing a name of a campus G/T specialist, G/T classroom teacher, counselor, or district G/T coordinator that can verify G/T status.**
- **Students in private schools or home-schools are eligible to apply;** there must be supporting documentation through previous public-school testing, Mensa membership, or outside psychological testing. Contact TAGT for additional information.
- **A current TAGT professional or parent member may sign as a sponsor but it is NOT required.** Applicants who have a TAGT sponsor will receive a bonus point when the application is scored. It is acceptable for a family member or friend to join TAGT and serve as a sponsor for the application.
- Student applications must be the work of the student.
- Applicants must adhere to the space limitations.
- Applicants must not submit samples of their work or any portfolio items. All extra materials 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 is complete. See each application for a complete list of required materials.
- No more than one TAGT Summer Scholarship is awarded to a student within a three-year period.
- The maximum amount for a TAGT Summer Scholarship award is \$400.
- Please note that **TAGT does not run any summer programs.**
- TAGT Summer Scholarships are contingent upon acceptance into the summer program of your choice. Scholarship checks are made payable to the program or the parent of the scholarship winner if tuition has been pre-paid.

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