

TDCAA Scholarship Application

Introduction

The Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) scholarship program was initiated in 2002 by the Investigator Section Board of Directors with the objective of encouraging our future through the support of our present. At least one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually; however, funding for this scholarship is currently provided through the sales of TDCAA merchandise and board fundraisers made available at approved training conferences. The following shall constitute the terms and conditions of this scholarship:

Eligibility

- Children under legal guardianship of a current Texas District and County Attorneys Association member.
- Younger than 25 years old.
- Currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States, as of the application deadline.
- Cumulative high school or college grade point average of at least 2.5 (or equivalent).

Disqualifications

- No family member of any current TDCAA board member, Investigator Section Board member, KP-VS Section Board member, or selection committee member is eligible receive a scholarship.
- No family member of a person who donated to the fund (either money or goods) during the current year.
- No family member of: (1) a person who donated \$5,000 or more or (2) a person who purchases an item for more than \$5,000 is eligible to receive a scholarship if the donation or purchase occurred in the current year or the previous five years.
- For purposes of disqualification, a family member includes a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild, and the spouse of any child, grandchild, or great grandchild.

Application Process

- Completed applications must be submitted to the TDCAA Investigator Section scholarship committee by the application deadline.
- An essay must accompany the completed application and is to be no more than two typed, double-spaced pages.

Selection Process

A representative from each TDCAA section (attorney, investigator and key personnel/victim assistance) will comprise the TDCAA Investigator Scholarship committee for September awards. This award is open to children of **ALL TDCAA MEMBERS** and is presented at the TDCAA Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update.

Three representatives from the Investigator Section will comprise the committee for the February award. This award is given at the TDCAA Investigator School. The committee will review each application. **A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship sought.**

Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, school, civic and community activities, and the written essay. All awards are final and are contingent on the availability of funds. Awards will be paid to the recipient or registrar (or equivalent) of the recipient's school. Past recipients are not eligible.

Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked no later than **July 1** for the September scholarship, and no later than **December 1** for the February scholarship awarded at the Investigator conference in the following year. **Applications will not be accepted after the deadlines.**

Award Notice

Award recipients will be notified by mail and encouraged to attend an award ceremony. For additional information, contact Joe Medrano at Joe.Medrano@bellcounty.texas.gov.

2020 Essay Topic

Describe something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community; and how has your family's background in law enforcement affected the way you see the world?

Essays must be typed, double-spaced, using a font size no less than 10 points and must be no more than two pages in length. Please include a completed essay with your application.

Instructions for completing and mailing the application

1. Applicants complete PART I and attach your essay. Print legibly in ink or type the responses.
2. Have your high school or post-secondary institution academic counselor complete PART II and attach your transcript.
3. Before mailing, be sure all questions are answered, and all attachments are enclosed. It is the applicant's' responsibility to make sure all information is submitted. Omission of any required items will disqualify the applicant.
4. Mail the application with all attachments enclosed to:

Submit to:
Ralph Fletcher
P.O. Box 1744
Amarillo, TX 79105
Rfletcher@sputexas.org

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PART I

PERSONAL INFORMATION

List your personal information along with that of your family member who is also a member of TDCAA:

Name of Applicant	
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Place of Birth</i>	
<i>Residential Address</i>	
<i>E-Mail Address</i>	
<i>Phone No.</i>	

Name of TDCAA Family Member	
<i>Occupation</i>	
<i>Work Address</i>	
<i>County where employed</i>	
<i>Phone No.</i>	

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List all of your educational experience to-date:

Name of School or College	Dates Attended

<i>What school or college will you be attending?</i>	
<i>What is your major?</i>	
<i>Expected graduation date:</i>	
<i>Proposed occupation or career:</i>	

OFFICES, AWARDS, AND HONORS

List extracurricular activities, awards, and honors received in school and in the community:

Organization	Office, Award, or Honor	Date

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

List work experience during the last four years:

Employer	Type of Work	Dates of Employment

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY APPLICANT

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is true and correct. If I am awarded the scholarship, I also agree to abide by the terms and conditions of said scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PART II

PROOF OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please submit a transcript from your high school and proof of acceptance by an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States. If you are already attending a post-secondary institution, please submit your most current transcript from your institution.

Please have your high school or post-secondary academic counselor or registrar complete the following:

<i>Name of Student</i>

<i>High School or Post-Secondary Institution</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>

<i>Year of graduation</i>	<i>Grade Point Average</i>	<i>Grade Point Scale</i>	<i>Class Rank</i>	<i>Number in Class</i>

Signature Counselor/Registrar

Date

E-mail address or phone number