

Texas District and County Attorney Association Scholarship Program

Introduction:

The Texas District and County Attorney 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. Funding for this scholarship is currently provided through the sales of TDCAA merchandise and board fund raisers 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 Attorney Association member.
- Less 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 3.0 (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 to 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 a person who donated \$5,000 or more, or 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.
- Essay must accompany the completed application and is to be no more than two typed, double-spaced pages.

Selection Process:

- At least three representatives from the Investigator section will comprise the committee for the **February award**. A separate board member will act as a tie-breaker should the need arise. This award is only open to the children of members of the Investigator section. This scholarship is awarded at the TDCAA Investigator conference in February. The committee will review each application.
- At least three representatives of the TDCAA Investigator section will comprise the TDCAA Scholarship Committee for the **September award**. A separate board member shall act as a tie-breaker

should the need arise. This award is open to children of **ALL TDCAA MEMBERS** and is presented at the TDCAA Annual Update in September.

A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship.

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:

- ALL applications for the scholarship to be awarded at the Investigator Conference in February, must be received by the Scholarship Committee by 5:00 PM., on December 31, 2021.
- ALL applications for the scholarship to be awarded at the Annual Update Conference in September, must be received by the scholarship committee by 5:00 PM., on July 31, 2022.

Applications will NOT be accepted after the deadlines.

Award Notice:

- Award recipient(s) will be notified by mail and encouraged to attend an award ceremony. For additional information, contact: K.C. Breshears at (409) 883-6764.

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2022 Essay Prompts

- Essay prompt for the scholarship to be awarded to a dependent of a member of the Investigator Section (February 2022).

PROMPT: What is the difference between courage and bravery? Write about a time where you had to be courageous.

- Essay prompt for the scholarship to be awarded to a dependent of ANY member of TDCAA (September 2022).

PROMPT: Choose a difficult experience from your own life that you have had to overcome and explain how it influenced your development and made you the person you are today.

Essays must be typed, double space using size 12 font, and must be no more than two pages in length. Please include the completed essay with your application.

Texas District and County Attorney Association Scholarship Application

Instructions for completing and emailing the application.

1. This application along with the essay must be received by the scholarship committee by the above deadlines.
2. Children of members of the Investigator section are eligible to be awarded **EITHER** scholarship, and are encouraged to apply for both. Two separate applications are required along with the corresponding essay when applying for both scholarships.
3. Children of members of all other sections of TDCAA may **ONLY** apply for the scholarship awarded at the Annual Conference in September.
4. Applicants must complete Part I and Part II. **You must print legibly in ink or type the responses.**
5. Have your high school/post-secondary counselor complete Part III and **attach your transcript.**
6. Before e-mailing or mailing, the applicant should check to see that all questions have been answered and attachments are included.
7. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all information is submitted.

NOTE: Omission of any required items will disqualify the applicant.

Email Applications to: kbreshears@co.orange.tx.us

**K.C. Breshears
Chief Criminal Investigator
District Attorney's Office
Orange, County, Texas**

**or by mail to: Chief K.C. Breshears
District Attorney's Office
801 W. Division
Orange, Texas 77630**

To ensure receipt of application make sure to ask for a "Read" receipt" when emailing your application. If your submission is not acknowledged, please contact K.C. Breshears at (409) 883-6764.

PART I.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
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Marital Status	Social Security No.	Telephone No.	Citizenship
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Current Address	City	State	Zip
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Permanent Address	City	State	Zip
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Name of TDCAA Family Member	Occupation
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Work Address of TDCAA Member	County
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PART II.

List all of your educational experience to date:

Name of High School or College:	Dates Attended:

What school or college will you be attending?	
Present Major: Expected Graduation Date:	
Proposed Occupation or Profession:	

List extra-curricular activities, honors and organizations, both in school and in the community:

Organization	Office/Award	Period of Time

List work experience during last four years:

Company	Type of Work	Period of Time

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted is true and correct and I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the scholarship if it is awarded to me.

Signature of Applicant
Date

PART III.

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, or if currently a post-secondary institution, along with your most current post-secondary institution transcript.

Have your high school/post-secondary counselor or registrar complete the following:

- High School or Post- Secondary Institution City State Year of High School Graduation: Post-secondary Graduation (*if applicable*): _____
- Grade Point Average: _____
 - Based on: _____
- Grade Point Scale Class Rank: _____
- Total # in Graduating Class: _____

Counselor/Registrar's Signature

Telephone No.

Date