

Dear Texas High School Counselor:

**Subject: 2026 TTA Foundation Scholarship Application and Guidelines**

The Texas Telephone Association Foundation (TTAF), a non-profit, philanthropic organization founded to help further the understanding of telephony and advance telecommunications as a career choice, will award six, four-year scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 per year to students entering college for the 2026-2027 school year.

Through March 14, 2026, the TTA Foundation will accept applications for scholarships to be granted beginning Fall 2026. It is our intention to fully review every application submitted. The Scholarship Committee will make its selections from those applications which meet the following criteria and include the required materials:

- ◆ U.S. Citizen;
- ◆ Student graduating from a Texas high school no later than June 2026 from a school within a TTA member company's service area.
- ◆ Student achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (out of a possible 4.0);
- ◆ Student planning to attend a **Texas college or university** by the Fall of 2026
- ◆ A completed application **postmarked or emailed** no later than March 14, 2026, including a current transcript
- ◆ A letter of acceptance from a Texas college or university where student has been accepted.
- ◆ Student typed essay, consisting of between 300 - 1,000 words explaining their qualifications for the scholarship, their future goals, and how the scholarship will assist them in achieving those goals.
- ◆ Copy of student's SAR (Student Aid Report).
- ◆ **Do not send incomplete applications. Do not send additional information to be added to your applications once the original application has been sent.**

**Please note--special consideration will be given to students who will be pursuing a college degree in fields of study which are of particular interest to telecommunications (such as math, business, education, technology, engineering, and computer science, etc.).** The courses of study in high school, extra- curricular/civic activities and demonstrated leadership will also be considered.

By late April, the TTA Foundation Scholarship Committee will select six (6) finalists to receive four-year scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 per year.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by early May. Any questions regarding the scholarship application should be directed to TTA Foundation Board, at [lauren.sanders@bigbend.com](mailto:lauren.sanders@bigbend.com). You may also access the attached application form at the Texas Telephone Association website: [www.tta.org](http://www.tta.org).

Sincerely,

**TTA Foundation Board**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? (please provide acceptance letter) : \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Expenses for one year of college: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial need based off of FASFA determination (please provide FASFA letter): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarship(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

Grant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Loan(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of dependent children in family (including applicant): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dependent is a child eligible to be reported on a parent/guardian Federal Tax Return.)

Number of dependent children included above who are currently in college? \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:**

	Employer Name	Type of Work	Length of Service
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

**List academic honors received in high school:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**School related clubs, activities, achievements:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Community clubs, activities, achievements:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**What are your favorite hobbies or recreational activities?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications must be received or postmarked/mailed by March 14th, 2026 This form must be submitted with scholarship application.

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

**The following information must be provided by a school official. Failure to provide this information will disqualify this application.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (9th through 12th grades) \_\_\_\_\_ on scale of \_\_\_\_\_.

Class Ranking \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_ students.

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Dual/College Credit Hours: Currently Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of School Official Certifying Grades, Scores & Standing

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Printed Name and Title

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Date Completed by Official

***A sealed envelope with a copy of the current high school transcript MUST be attached or submitted by a school official via email.***

## INSTRUCTIONS AND AFFIRMATION

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain above average grades (at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character .

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by the Administrators of TTA Foundation, Inc. Education Scholarship Fund and those they designate to assist them in selecting scholarship recipients.

Except where prohibited, acceptance of the scholarship award constitutes your consent for Administrators of TTA Foundation, Inc. Education Scholarship Fund and its designees to use your name, image, likeness, scholarship information, city and state of residence for editorial, advertising, marketing, publicity, and administrative purposes in any media without further compensation. By acceptance of the awarded scholarship, you further consent to our use of any photographs, audio recording or video footage of you in advertising, marketing and promotional materials. You agree to release and hold harmless the Released Parties for any liability, claims and causes of action based on defamation or violation of rights of publicity or privacy.

I have read the instructions and policy statement and agree to complete this application according to these instructions and policy. I understand this application is completed by the student applicant I understand and agree to use only an original document application package provided by TTA Foundation, Inc. and that copies are not acceptable. I understand the Review Committee considers the totality of the application, including but not limited to, neatness, grammar, well thought out responses, and general appearance of the ability to follow instructions. Only completed applications will be accepted.

Please fill out application in electronic format, print and sign. Completed scholarship application and accompanying materials should be mailed or emailed to:

**Big Bend Telephone, ATTN: Lauren Sanders, 808 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Alpine, Texas 79830** or

**lauren.sanders@bigbend.com**

**Applications must be postmarked or emailed by March 14, 2026.**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Qualified

Printed Name

Date

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Printed Name

Date

**APPLICATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF THIS PAGE IS INCOMPLETE**

Application must be submitted and **postmarked or emailed** no later than March 14, 2026.