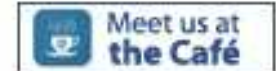


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Scholarship Application Deadline

Monday, March 1st

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2010 TAGT Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES

	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>DATE NOTIFIED</u>
TAGT Student Summer Scholarships	March 1	April 15
Adelle McClendon Young Leaders Scholarship	March 1	April 15
Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship	March 1	April 15
TAGT "Rising Star" Teacher of the Gifted Award	April 1	TBA
TAGT Teacher, Parent, & Advocate of the Year Awards	April 1	TBA
NAGC Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award	March 1	April 15 (TAGT) June 15 (NAGC)



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TAGT SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

Len Avecilla

TAGT 3rd Vice-President · Parents and Community Involvement
Presentations at 6.15 pm & 7.00 pm

Thank You !

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Welcome!

TAGT is accepting [Nominations for the 2011 Executive Board \(PDF\)](#). Please respond by May 1.

Registration is open for the TAGT Leadership Conference, March 29-30 in Austin

The [registration form](#) and [online registration](#) are now available for the TAGT Leadership Conference. Registration is \$199 for members and \$299 for non-members (membership is \$49 annual dues). The hotel rate is \$119 per night on Sunday and/or Monday for single/double occupancy; please [make reservations online early](#) or call 1-800-228-9290 and use reservation code "taltala." [The Preliminary Schedule \(PDF\)](#) is now online; more information to follow.

Call for Presentations: [Speaking Out for Gifted Education](#)

You're invited to to share your teaching strategies and great instructional ideas with fellow professionals in gifted and talented education at our upcoming 2010 Annual Conference in Fort Worth, November 10-12.

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INSIGHTS

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The Annual
Directory of
TAGT Scholarships,
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General Application Instructions

Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing the application.

We encourage you to apply for a summer scholarship for a child or for yourself. All applications are included in this directory. ***Please note that applying for a scholarship through TAGT does not constitute application to a specific program; you must make application to the summer program of your choice directly; TAGT does not run a summer program.*** TAGT awards and scholarships are contingent upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner for accounting purposes.

- **Students applicants in public schools must be currently identified as gifted and participating in a gifted program.** Students in private schools or home-schools may be eligible to apply. Those parents should contact the TAGT Associate Director for additional information.
- A current TAGT member must sign as a sponsor.
- Student applications may be typed or handwritten, but must be the work of the student. Any typed portion of the scholarship application must be in a font size of at least 12 points.
- Applicants must adhere to the space limitations.
- Applicants must not submit samples of their work or any portfolio items. Information of this type 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 packet is complete. See each application for a complete list of required materials.
- No more than one summer scholarship is awarded to an individual within a three-year period.
- The maximum amount for a summer scholarship award is \$400.

Instructions

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Mail to TAGT - Postmarked by March 1st

Incomplete or faxed applications **will not** be considered. **A complete application includes:**



- General Information Page
- Student Summer Scholarship Application, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2
- Adult/Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

- **Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:**



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Applications must be postmarked by March 1. *Students will be notified of their status by April 15. Scholarship awards are mailed 10 to 14 days after receipt of Summer Scholarship Confirmation Form.*



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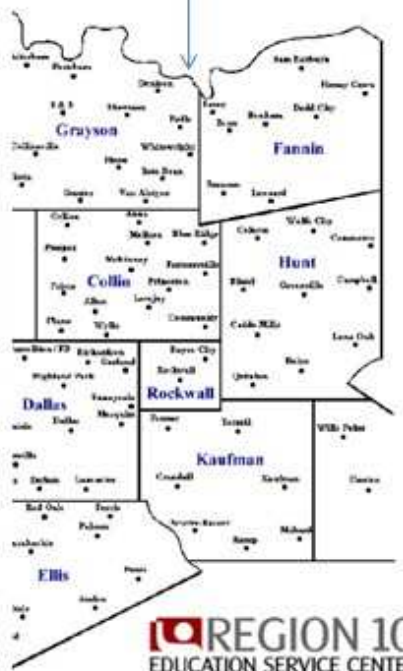


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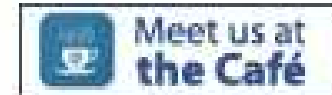
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Everything you need to know...

TAGT SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

TAGT SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

- For academic or artistic programs during Summer 2010
- Awarded to students in grades K-12
- Maximum of \$400 may be requested



TAGT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

- Summer Scholarships \$13,561
- Adelle McClendon Award 2,500
- Laura Allard Future Vision Award 2,500
- Other Awards 4,400
- Nicholas Green Award 500

TOTAL \$'s in 2009 \$23,461

TOTAL \$'s in 2010 \$25,000

TAGT SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED

271

APPLICATIONS
AWARDED

35

12.9% of all Summer Scholarship applicants received scholarships

- 21 Elementary Scholarships awarded 198 applicants (10.6%)
- 14 Secondary Scholarships awarded 73 applicants (19.1%)

TAGT SCHOLARSHIPS

The summer programs listed are a sample of the many opportunities available to gifted students, educators, and parents of the gifted. TAGT does not endorse any individual program. TAGT Scholarships are available for programs that serve students' academic and artistic needs.

Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. The winner of this annual award must demonstrate outstanding leadership. Application deadline is March 1. The scholarship recipient will be notified by April 15. ([Download PDF Application](#)) ([Texas Region Map](#))

Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving these goals. Application deadline is March 1. The scholarship recipient will be notified by April 15. ([Download PDF Application](#)) ([Texas Region Map](#))

NAGC Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

The Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award was established in 1999 by the National Association for Gifted Children. Funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation, these awards are designed to recognize excellence in young children. The awards, which include a certificate and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, will be made in every state to a student who is between grades 3 and 6 who has distinguished him- or herself in academics, leadership, or the arts. ([Download PDF Application](#)) ([Texas Region Map](#))

CAROLE VERMILLION and ANN SHAW SCHOLARSHIPS

- **\$500 awarded** to highest scoring applicants from Summer Scholarship recipients
- Scholarships go to one elementary student (grades K-6) and one secondary student (grades 7-12)
- The elementary winner is the Carole Vermillion Scholar and the secondary winner is the Ann Shaw Scholar

ADELLE MCCLENDON YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

- University scholarship of \$2500
- Awarded to a graduating gifted and talented high school senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership

LAURA ALLARD

FUTURE VISION SCHOLARSHIP

- University scholarship of \$2500
- Awarded to a graduating gifted and talented high school senior who:
 - demonstrates outstanding academic achievement
 - possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals
 - has a long-term plan for achieving these goals

NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

- Given by NAGC
TAGT makes the recommendation of a statewide winner
- \$500 U.S. Savings Bond awarded
- Student must be in grade 3-6
- Given for outstanding accomplishments in academics, arts, or leadership
- Winner is automatically entered in the national competition

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY: EXAMPLE

SUMMER WONDERS

Dates: Session I: June 16 - 27 Pre-K – Grade 6
Session II: July 7 - 18 Pre-K – Grade 6 (All incoming grades for the fall of 2008)

Cost: \$350 for Pre-K, half-day (9:00 a.m. – noon)
\$400 for Grades K – 6, half-day (9:00 a.m. – noon)
\$700 for Grades K – 6, full-day (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
(Extended care available until 5:30 PM, for an additional fee)

Physical Location: ACE Academy, 3901 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas 78756

Summer Wonders is a nonresidential, full or half-day program that allows students to explore diverse subjects in a challenging, creative environment through an integrative, hands-on non-traditional approach. While topics are academic in nature, they are presented in a fun, creative manner that inspires critical thinking and enables students to solve problems and effect discovery. Content areas include but are not limited to science, math, art, drama, social studies, literature and economics. The program is non-profit with some scholarships offered. Extended care (3PM – 5:30PM) is available by special arrangement. Our enrollment in years past has included international students, children from other states, and a number of children from Texas cities outside Austin, as well as from every school district in and around Austin.

THE PATH TO THE GOLD

1. Study Insights and find a passion
2. Carefully review the application process
3. Begin early and allow time to meet deadlines
4. Sell yourself
5. Get great recommendations
6. Complete the application correctly
7. Submit your application on time

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Response, **Part 1A**

- **Instructions for the applicant:**

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about you personally, as well as some of your interests and accomplishments. **This part is extremely important in the selection process.** Use only the designated pages.

- **1A. What would you like TAGT's Scholarship Committee to know about you?**

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Response, **Part 1B**

- **Instructions for the applicant:**

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about some specific interests you have and how this summer program will help meet your needs. **This part is extremely important in the selection process.** Use only the designated pages.

- **1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?**

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2

- **Instructions for the parent/guardian:**

To give a strong recommendation for your child, elaborate on your responses, focusing on your child's strengths. Be sure to include specific examples. **The TAGT Scholarship Committee is especially interested in supporting evidence outside the school environment.** Use only the designated pages.

- **What would you like TAGT's Scholarship Committee to know about your child?**

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Adult / Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

- **Instructions for the adult/professional:**

A strong student application is enhanced by a strong adult recommendation. To make a strong recommendation of a student elaborate on your responses focusing on the strengths of the applicant. Include examples, if possible. If you are making recommendations for more than one student, please individualize your responses. Use only the designated pages.

- **What makes this student deserving of a TAGT scholarship?**

EVALUATING APPLICATIONS

- **Three different people independently read and evaluate all scholarship applications.**
- Written responses on the applications are evaluated holistically on the following 8-point scale:
 - 8—Superior
 - 7—Between Superior and Commendable
 - 6—Commendable
 - 5—Between Commendable and Acceptable
 - 4—Acceptable
 - 3—Between Acceptable and Limited
 - 2—Limited
 - 1—Inadequate

EVALUATING APPLICATIONS

Superior: This response answers the questions very thoroughly and completely. Wording is clear and precise, leaving no doubts about the intended meaning. There are detailed and elaborated responses, providing specific and appropriate examples about the applicant.

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- **Applicants:** Carefully choose who you want to write your adult recommendation.
- *Select someone who will do a thorough job. It can be any adult—teacher, scout, leader, church leader, family friend, etc.
- *Be sure to point out to them that what is wanted are specific examples of your strengths.
- *Don't hand the form to them the day before it is due—people need time to think.

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- **Parents and Adults/Professionals:**
 - * It is best to write about the applicant's interests and/or personality than listing a series of awards. Evaluators want to know more about the individual person.

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- **For everyone:**

- * Remember that all the scholarship applicants are gifted, and most are also excellent students.

- Be sure to include specific information and avoid the kind of general comments that are too “generic.”

COMMENTS THAT ARE “GENERIC”

- “She is great in everything.”
- “He would benefit from this program.”
- “Excellent student!”
- “Highly motivated student.”
- “She has many talents.”
- “He’s a kind young man who gets along well with others.”

These comments are not specific and could apply to almost any applicant!

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- **Parents:**

*Information about hobbies and interests **outside** of school are helpful and provide the evaluator with a fuller picture of your child.

This can help distinguish your child from other applicants.

GOOD COMMENTS—PARENTS

- “He has an intense love for nature and loves learning. Last week he and his brothers dissected owl pellets, and now he is making a book about it.”
- “She has been an assistant to preschool classes at the dance studio for a year, gaining reward as the little ones accomplish steps one by one.”
- “His greatest passion is his computer work. He has set up websites for businesses for profit, and he has done it free for friends, families, and charitable organizations.”

These give details and specific examples!

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- **Adults/Professionals:**

*Information about projects and extracurricular activities at school are very helpful and provide a fuller picture of the applicant to the evaluators.

This can help distinguish them from other applicants.

GOOD COMMENTS—ADULTS

- “He learned sign language so he could communicate with a deaf student in the room; now he is begun researching how new signs are developed.”
- “She has natural leadership ability as evidenced by her organization of a support group for abuse victims.”
- “She always demands the best from herself. She often practices long after others have gone home and arrives before anyone else.”

These give details and specific examples!

TIPS FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS

- Read all instructions and make sure that the application is complete and submitted on time:
 - *Remember that the application must be **postmarked by March 1**. If not, then it is eliminated from consideration.
 - *If the application is missing any one of the four sections, or the General Information Page, it will not be considered.

OTHER REMINDERS

- ☞ Be sure to include the TAGT Summer Scholarship Application General Information Page
- ☞ Stay within space limitations
- ☞ May be handwritten or typed (size 12 font or larger)
- ☞ Do not include any products or work samples
- ☞ Do not include extra recommendations
- ☞ Check to make sure the application is complete
- ☞ **A current TAGT member must sign on as a sponsor**
- ☞ Apply to summer programs separately from this scholarship application

Some last notes...

- Booklet includes all necessary forms; inc. those for scholarships *and* other awards (teacher, parent, advocate).
- Use anecdotes & storytelling to elaborate on strengths and show individuality.
- Award details – max of \$400, if program costs less, amount paid is less; check is made payable to both recipient *and* program. Application requires program details.



Plan ahead for next year!

Outstanding Teacher, Parent, and Advocate

TAGT State Awards

Outstanding Teacher, Parent, and Advocate of the Gifted

Each year, three selection committees review nomination materials from that year's regional winners. From that pool, the TAGT State Award Winners for Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted, Outstanding Parent of the Gifted, and Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted are selected.

All three *State* award winners are honored at the TAGT Annual Professional Development Conference for Educators and Parents. They receive a plaque, a complimentary registration for the annual conference, and one night of hotel accommodations. The TAGT State Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 award from the Association. The TAGT State Parent of the Year and the TAGT State Advocate of the Year each receives a lifetime membership to TAGT, valued at \$500.

GOOD LUCK AS YOU GO FOR GOLD



Upcoming Conferences

- **Mar 29-30 –**
Leadership Conference
Austin
- **Nov 10-12 –**
Annual Conference
Parents and Educators
Fort Worth
- www.txgifted.org

Deadline – March 1, 2010

The screenshot shows the TAGT website homepage. At the top, the TXGifted logo is displayed with the tagline "Parents and educators dedicated to meeting the unique needs of gifted and talented students". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for TXGifted Café, Parents, Students, Educators, Job Board, and Contact Us. The main content area features a "Welcome!" message and several announcements: "TAGT is accepting Nominations for the 2011 Executive Board (PDF). Please respond by May 1.", "Registration is open for the TAGT Leadership Conference, March 29-30 in Austin", and "Call for Presentations: Speaking Out for Gifted Education". A sidebar on the left lists corporate partners: Pearson, Prufrock Press Inc., and SIG (Summer Institute for the Gifted). At the bottom, contact information for TAGT is provided, along with social media links for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and the TAGT Café.

The graphic features the text "Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented" in a serif font at the top. Below it, the word "INSIGHTS" is written in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath "INSIGHTS", the year "2010" is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font on a yellow background. To the right of "2010", there is a blue and green abstract graphic. At the bottom right, the text "The Annual Directory of TAGT Scholarships, Grants, and Awards" is written in a serif font.

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