

TAGT Scholarships

General Application Instructions

Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing the application.

- Student applicants must be identified as gifted. Students in private schools or home-schools may be eligible to apply. 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.

How TAGT Scholarship Applications Are Scored

Written responses on the applications are evaluated holistically. Three different readers use the following rubric to evaluate the applications, with slight variations for the various scholarship awards:

8-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.

7-Between Superior and Commendable.

6-Commendable: This response is clear, thorough, and to the point. It leaves no doubt about the intended meaning. There are somewhat detailed and elaborated responses to the questions, and specific and appropriate examples about the applicant are given.

5-Between Commendable and Acceptable.

4-Acceptable: This response is clear and straightforward, with little doubt about the intended meaning, but is not as thorough as the responses above. Examples are provided, but with less detail or elaboration. It has some elements of a 4 or 5, but lacks the same depth or quality.

3-Between Acceptable and Limited.

2-Limited: This response is vague and lacks a clear focal point. The writing relates to the topic, but contains few specific examples. There is very little detail or elaboration in the response and does not fully answer the question.

1-Inadequate: This response is very weak. It does not address the question in any meaningful way. It lacks any specific examples. This response also may be off-track and not relevant to the application.