



**AGRICULTURE
TEACHERS**
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Scholarship

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Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance for the Association for education and scholarship matters.

1. The ATAT website will be utilized to post potential scholarship opportunities for ATAT members and their children, including the ATAT Scholarship.
2. The committee will review the scholarship application and guidelines and make any necessary updates and/or changes.
 - A. The Agriculture Teachers Association offers the ATAT Scholarship to members' children upon their graduation from high school. Scholarships are awarded to all eligible applicants as long as ATAT membership requirements are met and the applicant meets all scholarship requirements listed.
 - B. The applicant must be a graduating senior and the son/stepson, daughter/stepdaughter in good standing with the ATAT and meeting the following requirements.
 - C. Active Members: must have been a member for the past four consecutive years.
 - D. Associate members: before becoming an associate member they were an active member for three consecutive years and have maintained associate membership.
 - E. Retired members: Honorary Life member (a member for 25 years+ before retiring).
 - F. Required information to be completed Online:
 1. Application
 2. Essay: Minimum 100-word essay
 - G. Application and supporting materials must be submitted online on or before April 1. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Once you submit your application the ATAT will send a confirmation email letting you know it was received.
 - H. Proof of Enrollment: Scholarship recipients must submit a scholarship acceptance agreement form along with proof of college enrollment for the fall semester (i.e. tuition statement, schedule, etc.) via email by August 24 to the ATAT office to receive scholarship funds. Scholarship payment will be mailed to the College or Educational Institution you will be attending.
 - I. The scholarship may be used for other educational needs, if not needed for tuition.
 - J. Recipients may defer their scholarship payment for a maximum of two years.
3. The Association scholarship account will be invested by the investment committee to ensure optimal return and security.

4. ATAT Student Teacher Scholarship:
 - Any Texas University that produces Ag Ed student teachers are allotted a \$500 scholarship. Any University program that produces 10 or more student teachers could receive two \$500 scholarships.
 - Recipient should be chosen via the University
 - Scholarship recipients must be present at ATAT conference during the opening session to receive the award.
5. Any scholarship activity such as the fun run, golf tournament, archery tournament, etc., will have the funds raised to put in the youth fund after expenses are paid.
6. Legacy Endowment funds may be used to supplement the Scholarship Fund depending on the decisions of the Investment Committee.
7. The Membership Services Coordinator will coordinate the acceptance of applications and distribution of scholarship funds to recipients according to scholarship guidelines.
8. Any deviations from the scholarship guidelines by the applicant will be approved by the current members of the Education and Scholarship Committee.
9. A Hall of Fame for Agricultural Science teachers will be established. Members will qualify for it if they are eligible for honorary membership and can be inducted into it one year after retirement. A donation of \$1000 must be made with the letter of nomination.
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12. Any scholarship activity such as the fun run, golf tournament, hall of fame, etc., will have the funds raised to put into the youth fund after expenses are paid.

Operational Protocols

1. It will be up to the discretion of this committee, in conjunction with the Budget Committee, to recommend an appropriate increase in the scholarship amount per University based upon previous year's fiscal years fundraising. The student teacher scholarship should be renewed annually.
2. A list of the current ATAT Scholarship recipients should be posted on the ATAT website.