



Scholarships, Grants, and Contests

For Academic Year 2025-2026

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<https://texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships>

ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any Texas high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applicants compete for scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000. To learn more about the MVS Scholarship and to begin your online application, visit www.elks.org/scholars. Application online submission deadline is **November 12, 2025**.

ENF Legacy Awards

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for Texas high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Elks members. For complete eligibility requirements or to complete the online application available as of September 1, 2025, visit www.elks.org/scholars. Application online submission deadline is **February 2, 2026**.

ENF Emergency Education Grants

Emergency Education Grants are awarded by the Elks National Foundation for financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. For complete eligibility requirements and application instructions, visit www.elks.org/scholars. Applications must be filed **between May 1 and December 31, 2025**.

TESA Teenager of the Year Scholarship

The Teenager of the Year Scholarship Contest is open to 2026 graduating high school seniors who are citizens of the United States and residents of Texas. Applicants will compete for scholarships based on scholastic achievement, leadership and extra-curricular activities, and character. Male and female applicants will compete separately for three scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**.

TESA Four-Year Scholarship

The TESA Four-Year Scholarship Program awards six scholarships to three male and three female students from the 2026 graduating classes of Texas high schools. Applicants must be United States citizens and residents of Texas. Each award will be in the amount of \$1,250 per year for the 2026-2029 academic years, for a total of \$5,000 per award. Applicants will be judged on financial need, scholarship, leadership and extra-curricular activities, and strength of character, and must be seeking a four-year Bachelor's Degree. The deadline for submission to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**.

TESA Eagle Scout Scholarship

Eagle Scouts who are 2026 graduating seniors, citizens of the United States, residents of Texas, and currently enrolled in an accredited Texas high school may apply for the Eagle Scout Scholarship worth \$2,500. Applicants must include a copy of their Eagle Scout Certificate and a description of their project along with personal recommendations. The application must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair no later than **January 30, 2026**.

TESA Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship

The Texas Elks State Association will award a \$2,500 scholarship to one 2026 Texas graduating senior who is a US citizen, a resident of Texas and has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The application must be received by January 30, 2026 to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair. To be eligible, the applicant must be a 2026 graduating senior Girl Scout who needs financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses, earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, and provide proof of final approval of the project by **May 1, 2026**, and plan to seek a 4-year Bachelor's Degree.

TESA Vocational Grant

The TESA Vocational Grant Program is open to any prospective student, 18 years of age or older, planning to pursue a vocational/technical (VO/TECH) course within the United States. Each applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Texas on the date the application is submitted. While graduating high school seniors may apply, **the program is not limited to high school students**. A high school diploma or equivalent GED is **not** required. Applications must be submitted by **January 30, 2026** to the local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair.

TESA Essay Contest

The TESA Essay contest is open to any Texas high school student who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Texas. The application and essay topic can be found at www.TexasElks.org. Applications and completed essay must be submitted no later than **January 30, 2026**. Scholarships of \$1,500, \$1,300, and \$1,200 will be awarded for the top three essays.

ENF Americanism Essay Contest

This Elks National Foundation contest is for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to promote Americanism in our local communities. The application and essay topic can be found at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/americanismEssayContest.pdf>. Cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 are given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade nationally. The application must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair no later than **December 15, 2025**.

For Applications and additional information on TESA Scholarships see

<https://texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships>