



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 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

This Contest is open to 2026 graduating high school seniors who are US Citizens and residents of Texas. Applicants will compete based on scholastic achievement, strength of character, leadership and extra-curricular activities. 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

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

TESA Eagle Scout Scholarship

Eagle Scouts who are 2026 graduating seniors, US Citizens, residents of Texas, and currently enrolled in an accredited Texas high school may apply for this scholarship worth \$2,500. Applicants must include a copy of their Eagle Scout Certificate and a description of their project along with personal recommendations. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**.

TESA Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship

This Program awards 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. To be eligible, the applicant must be a 2026 graduating senior Girl Scout seeking a 4-year Bachelor's Degree. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**. Proof of approval of the Girl Scout Gold Project is required by May 1, 2026.

TESA Vocational Grant

This 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 US Citizen 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 to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**

TESA Essay Contest

The TESA Essay contest is open to any Texas high school student (grades 9-12) who is a US Citizen and resident of Texas. The application and essay topic can be found at www.TexasElks.org. Scholarships of \$1,500, \$1,300, and \$1,200 will be awarded for the top three essays. Applications and completed essay must be submitted no later than **January 30, 2026**.

Ellie-Grace True Grit and Perseverance Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for students that have a learning disability or have experienced medical hardships and have exhibited perseverance and "true grit" throughout their education. It is open to high school seniors with documented physical, emotional or intellectual disabilities to develop their talents through higher education or pursuing a career by getting their certification through vocational or technical training school/VoTech or college. \$1,000 scholarship to one male and one female will be awarded. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 30, 2026**.

Americanism Essay Contest

This Elks Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee 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>